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Missing Person Located

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have located a Barrie man who was reported missing on the weekend.

On Sunday April 12th at 2:30pm officers received a report of a missing person who was last seen in the Kennisis Lake area. Officers attended the scene and learned that the missing man was last seen by friends at 7:00pm on Saturday April 11th.

Officers were assisted in the search by members of the O.P.P. E.R.T. (Emergency Response Team) Team, Canine officers and the O.P.P. Helicopter.

The missing man was located yesterday morning in the West Shore Rd area of Kennisis Lake and found to be in good health. ■

O.P.P. Rescues Men From Big East Lake

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment responded to a report of two people through the ice early Friday night. The incident occurred on Big East Lake off of Highway #118 west of Carnarvon.

Members of the Minden Hills Fire Department also responded to the scene. Officers learned that two males had fallen through the ice and managed to get to an island where they were now stranded.

The two men involved were Ryan Brooks and Jeremy Forget from Waterloo.

Members of the Minden Hills Fire Department used a boat to rescue the two males who were taken by ambulance to the Minden Hospital where they were treated and released.

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment would like to remind members of the public of the need to use common sense at this time of year in regards to ice conditions. Ignorance can lead to tragedy. ■



Disagreement Over Infrastructure and Buildings

Highlands East Council

Hot Under the Collar

This week the Highlands East Council debated the future of their infrastructure and municipal buildings. The discussion led to an extremely raucous disagreement. Council was firmly split on the direction they should take and several of them resorted to yelling at each other and making some rather nasty allegations. Reeve Dave Burton was faced with breaking a tie vote which resulted in Council agreeing to move forward with an action plan that includes the construction of a new building.

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School Board Opts to Reconsider Calendar Change

Widespread Concern Raised Over Impact Of Early School Start Date On Economy and Students

Due to the overwhelming response from the public about a proposed change to the 2009-2010 school year calendar, Trillium Lakelands School Board (TLDSB) trustees have decided to reconsider their original recommendation that was submitted to the Ministry of Education last month.

At a committee of the whole meeting held this past Tuesday, trustees heard from five citizens who raised several concerns about a proposed early start date to the school year that would see students across the board back in classrooms on Sept. 1, one week earlier than usual. The reason? Labour Day arrives late this year, on Sept. 7.

Most of the speakers at the meeting suggested that the board revise their decision. They were passionate in their presentations and came forward with their own lists of reasons as to why a different approach should be taken.

"I appeal to all of you to make this decision in consideration of our current economic times and the health of our tourism-based communities," said Allison Dawes, a parent and seasonal business owner.

Dawes said that an early start to the school year would cause her to lose 75 per cent of her staff and about 10 per cent of her entire summer season revenues.

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Annual Coby Islander Tournament welcomed back a team from Switzerland, known locally as the Miskwabi Flames. Pictured above is one of the colourful players, Rico Bonorand, whose teammates outfitted him in pink for one game.

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Blaze Leaves Home in Shambles

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Cause of Fire Will Soon Be Determined, Says Stanhope Fire Chief

Within four hours last Sunday, a raging inferno ripped through Audrey Fountain's home, destroying most of the structure and its contents inside. Now all the family can do is pick up the pieces, move forward and hold on to over 40 year's worth of memories.

Misfortune struck the 81-year old's home, located on Hwy 118 in the township of Algonquin Highlands, in the wee hours of the morning at around 4 a.m.

Audrey's son-in-law John Freeman and his wife Bonnie were visiting Audrey (who lives alone at the home) during the Easter weekend. This past Monday, John was at the site of the home to help see what could be salvaged. While there, he spoke to The Voice about the early morning, unfortunate occurrence.

"Bonnie and I were out visiting some other friends on Sunday and we made our way back to Audrey's around three in the morning," he explained. "We were all sleeping in bed when Bonnie woke up to use the washroom. When she did she smelled smoke and noticed flames shooting out from under one of the bedrooms."

Bonnie woke John and Audrey from bed and the three immediately exited the building. John then proceeded to phone 9-1-1. Stanhope and Dysart firefighters quickly arrived on the scene along with other emergency personnel. He then contacted Audrey's son, John Fountain, to inform him about what had just transpired.

"I knew that Audrey was shaken up and she needed her son," said Freeman.

After receiving the call, John got in his vehicle and drove to his mother's home from Minden. Once there, all he could do was comfort his mother and watch in horror as firefighters tackled the relentless fire.

The Fountain family home that was first built in 1967 by John's father Harry was reduced to charred remains. The fire even made its way to the carport outside of the home, burning used appliances that were going to be up for sale in the space.

Freeman admits that had his wife not woken up at the time she did, the outcome of the fire could have been far more tragic.

"If it hadn't of been for my wife getting up when she did, seeing the orange glow of the fire and smelling the smoke, and waking everyone up, we wouldn't be here," he said, "It spread so fast and there was so much smoke that there was no way we could attempt to go back in. In less than four hours the place was pretty well demolished."

Some of the only salvageable items the family managed to find on Monday included small pieces of jewellery, a bible and a few priceless mementos such as photos of the family from the past.

The cause of the fire is currently unknown to the family and to Stanhope fire Chief John Hogg.

"That is still being investigated," said Hogg in a phone interview with The Voice on Monday. "It will probably take a few days until we find that out."

Hogg also didn't know what the estimated costs of the damages are, but he did say that the building is probably beyond repair.

"The fire started on the ground floor and got into the attic," he explained. "There is significant fire damage."

The family would like to extend thanks to the fire departments for their efforts, the OPP, other emergency personnel, Hydro workers and all those who have shown them support during this difficult time. ■



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New to the County!

Easter in Minden

Photos By:
Lyn Winans



These youngsters had a ball at the Highlands Lakes Community Church's annual Easter Egg Hunt held last Sunday in Minden.

THURSDAY



Mostly sunny and pleasant
▲ 11° ▼ -1°

FRIDAY



Mostly sunny and milder
▲ 13° ▼ 1°

SATURDAY



Increasing clouds in the afternoon
▲ 11° ▼ 4°

SUNDAY



Cooler with showers likely
▲ 7° ▼ 2°

MONDAY



Cloudy with scattered showers
▲ 8° ▼ 1°

TUESDAY



Breezy and cool with a chance of rain and snow
▲ 4° ▼ -2°

WEDNESDAY



Breezy and cool with a chance of rain and snow
▲ 3° ▼ -4°

AROUND THE REGION: It will be mostly sunny and pleasant on Thursday. Highs will be near 10. It will be milder on Friday with highs in the teens under mostly sunny skies. Clouds will be on the increase on Saturday with highs near 10. Showers will be likely on Sunday and Monday while rain and snow will be possible Tuesday and Wednesday.

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Bonus Number 48

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TROPICAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	33/24/su	34/23/su	34/24/su	Montego Bay	30/24/sh	29/24/pc	29/23/su
Antigua	30/23/su	29/23/pc	28/23/dz	Nassau	27/21/su	26/19/pc	24/21/pc
Barbados	31/25/pc	30/24/pc	30/27/cl	Port au Prince	30/25/ts	31/24/ts	29/24/ra
Bermuda	23/17/ra	24/17/ts	22/18/ts	Puerto Vallarta	29/16/su	29/17/su	31/16/cl
Cancun	33/23/su	32/23/su	29/23/su	St Thomas	28/22/su	29/23/pc	28/23/pc
Curacao	30/25/pc	30/24/pc	30/24/cl	St. Maarten	29/23/su	28/23/pc	28/25/su
Freeport	27/20/su	25/18/su	26/21/cl	San Jose, CR	31/19/ts	30/18/pc	30/18/pc
Georgetown	31/25/ts	30/24/ts	31/23/ts	San Juan	29/23/pc	30/23/pc	28/25/su
Havana	30/22/pc	28/21/pc	29/21/su	San Salvador	32/22/ts	31/23/ts	33/23/sh
Key West	27/21/su	27/20/pc	27/22/pc	Santo Domingo	30/24/ts	29/23/ts	30/23/cl
Kingston	31/24/sh	30/24/pc	31/28/ts	Trinidad	32/26/sh	31/25/sh	32/27/su

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	10/-1/su	13/1/su	10/4/cl	7/2/sh	8/1/sh	4/-2/mx	3/-4/mx
Barrie	11/0/su	14/2/su	11/4/cl	8/2/sh	9/2/ra	5/-2/mx	3/-4/mx
Dorset	10/-1/su	13/0/pc	10/3/cl	7/2/sh	8/1/sh	4/-3/mx	3/-4/mx
Haliburton	11/-1/su	13/1/su	11/4/cl	7/2/sh	8/1/sh	4/-2/mx	3/-4/mx
Huntsville	10/-1/su	13/0/pc	10/3/cl	7/2/sh	8/1/sh	4/-3/mx	3/-4/mx
Kingston	12/1/su	14/2/su	12/4/cl	9/3/sh	10/2/ra	6/-2/mx	4/-4/mx
Lindsay	11/0/su	14/1/su	11/4/cl	8/2/sh	9/2/sh	5/-2/mx	3/-4/mx
Minden	11/-1/su	13/1/su	11/4/cl	7/2/sh	8/1/sh	4/-2/mx	3/-4/mx
Oshawa	12/1/su	15/2/su	12/5/cl	9/3/sh	10/2/sh	6/-1/mx	4/-4/mx
Ottawa	10/0/pc	14/1/cl	10/4/cl	10/0/pc	10/1/sh	6/-2/mx	3/-4/mx
Toronto	12/2/su	15/3/su	13/5/cl	9/3/sh	11/3/ra	6/-1/mx	4/-3/mx

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	9/-3/su	13/0/su	12/2/pc	19/3/cl	14/3/cl	16/4/cl	17/3/sh
Edmonton	6/-3/pc	10/-3/dz	14/-1/cl	16/1/dz	13/0/cl	3/-7/cl	3/-9/mx
Fredericton	8/-4/pc	13/-3/sh	9/1/cl	9/-2/pc	11/-2/su	10/3/ra	6/-4/mx
Halifax	6/-2/su	8/-1/cl	4/2/sf	3/-2/su	6/-2/su	8/2/ra	7/-1/mx
Montreal	10/-1/pc	15/2/cl	10/3/cl	11/1/pc	10/1/sh	7/-4/mx	4/-6/mx
Regina	8/1/ra	9/-2/pc	11/-3/pc	15/1/pc	16/4/pc	15/4/cl	16/4/sh
St. John's	2/-4/cl	1/-6/cl	-2/-2/pc	0/-2/pc	1/0/su	6/2/ra	4/-3/mx
Saskatoon	7/-3/cl	7/1/cl	9/-2/pc	18/1/cl	10/5/dz	9/3/cl	12/3/sh
Vancouver	12/6/sh	11/7/sh	14/7/sh	15/8/sh	16/8/sh	14/7/sh	9/2/sh
Whitehorse	2/-6/cl	0/-6/sn	0/-7/sf	0/-8/sf	0/-9/sf	-2/-8/sn	-6/-9/cl
Winnipeg	11/4/cl	9/1/sh	6/-1/sf	12/-2/cl	12/0/sh	3/-6/sf	2/-7/cl

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Last seven days	High	Low	Prec.
Monday 4/13	10°C	-7°C	0.0 mm
Sunday 4/12	4°C	-7°C	0.0 mm
Saturday 4/11	5°C	-3°C	0.0 mm
Friday 4/10	8°C	-6°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 4/9	8°C	-4°C	0.3 mm
Wednesday 4/8	4°C	-3°C	2.0 mm
Tuesday 4/7	-3°C	-7°C	0.0 mm

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SUN & MOON

	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	6:27 a.m./8:01 p.m.	2:21 a.m./11:00 a.m.
Fri.	6:26 a.m./8:02 p.m.	2:55 a.m./12:04 p.m.
Sat.	6:24 a.m./8:04 p.m.	3:22 a.m./1:10 p.m.
Sun.	6:22 a.m./8:05 p.m.	4:07 a.m./2:16 p.m.
Mon.	6:20 a.m./8:06 p.m.	4:07 a.m./3:22 p.m.
Tues.	6:19 a.m./8:07 p.m.	4:26 a.m./4:30 p.m.
Wed.	6:17 a.m./8:09 p.m.	4:46 a.m./5:40 p.m.

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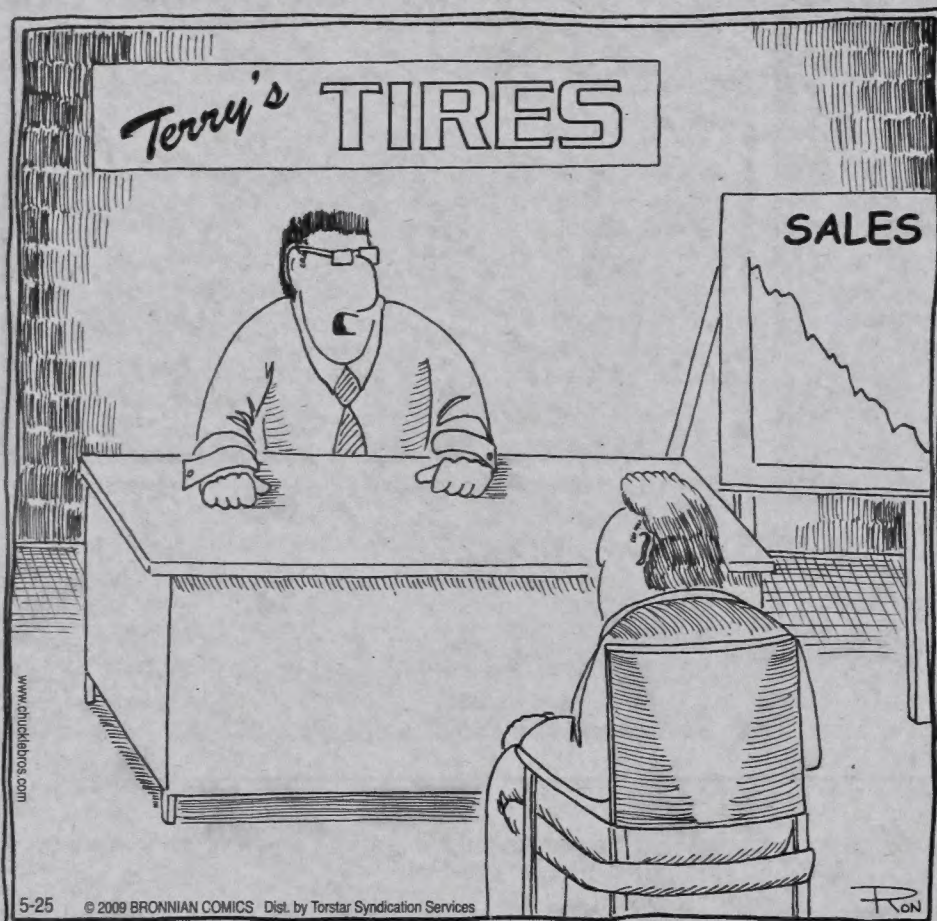
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"Could someone in Ottawa be stick handling for the Reeve?"

Congratulations to Liz Danielsen on her excellent coverage of ongoing municipal affairs, particularly with respect to the Stanhope Airport. Please keep it up.

It is my understanding that Building Canada will fund remote areas that first, may have commuter access to larger airports. Since Stanhope's proposed new runway cannot be certified by Transport Canada for passenger service that's out. Building Canada will also provide funds based on an airport's ability to accept emergency services for the Ministry of Natural Resources, the OPP and Ornge (Ontario air ambulance service) but it is my understanding that none of these have indicated any need for or intention to use this runway. Another factor considered by Building Canada is the potential for economic growth, but as I understand it you must have strong business plan to qualify, something which Algonquin Highlands doesn't have.

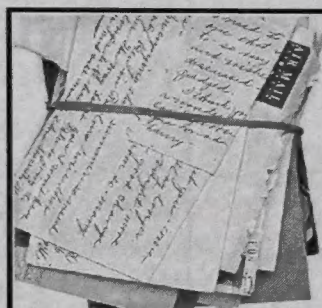
If I am interpreting the Building Canada requirements correctly I have to question how Algonquin Highlands qualified. Could someone in Ottawa be stick handling for the Reeve?

Apparently, MP Barry Devolin doesn't think he should be concerned with how municipalities spend their money (see Minden Times Feb 18, 2009) and Ms. Scott it would appear was too busy trying to get John Tory a seat. Not to comforting is it? An MP and an MPP not concerned with how Canadian tax dollars are being spent on a project that is not supported by Algonquin Highland rate payers or their neighbours.

I'm wondering if our new MPP Rick Johnson supports the project. He is a home grown grass roots sort of guy, so he must be aware of the opposition to this project.

Something smells; no it stinks and I would like to have some answers so please keep after the Reeve and the puppets.

Don McGuire
Halls Lake. ■



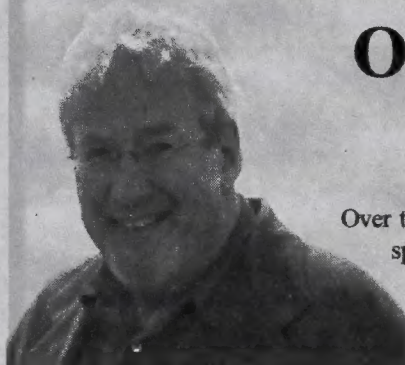
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick



On a Wing and a Prayer

Over the past year the Voice has devoted a vast amount of space covering the ongoing saga of the planned expansion of the Stanhope Airport in the municipality of Algonquin Highlands. Our reporter Liz Danielsen, in her dozens of articles, and our readers, in their passionate and detailed letters to the editor, have provided all of us with a comprehensive view of the

issues, the stakes, and the political realities of this deeply dividing and complex issue. This week two more Stanhope residents write to express their opposition to the plans: in addition, on Tuesday Dysart Council forcefully refused to provide any help to Algonquin Highlands in their efforts to top some trees and expropriate some of the expansion lands that actually fall into Dysart's territory.

For Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, and portion of her council who support the expansion, it must be frustrating to see these letters so strongly opposed to the project continue to appear in this and other local newspapers. In addition, with this issue as with the Watercolours Condominium debate, those who object to the development have constantly fed the 'media machine', such as it is in Haliburton, with regular news-worthy meetings, new technical information, human-interest stories, and strong points of view. So it can fairly be said that the position of those in opposition to the airport plans have claimed more newspaper space than have the proponents.

The question is: where are the supporters? Where are the eloquent defenders of the airport? Where are their letters, their petitions, their press releases, their demonstrations? Why has the defence of the proposals been left virtually entirely to the Reeve, her supporting councillors, and the soon-to-be-retired Chief Administrative Officer? Liz Danielsen, who spent some years working at a small airport, even wondered, in a column in our sister publication, The Highlands Communicator, why none of the romance of a small-town airport, of small-plane flying, of the blue and open skies, had seemed to affect anyone local, including even local pilots?

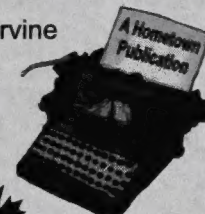
Yet at every turn of this saga, when objections have been made to the official rationales for the expansion – for example the supposed benefits to our emergency health transfer system, or emergency OPP services, as outlined in Don McGuire's letter in this issue – nothing convincing is heard from the other side. It is as if the two camps are in two different worlds – but with only one willing to work hard at making its case. Recently, a reader who's a strong personal supporter of Reeve Harrison stopped by to ask politely why we weren't publishing more of "the other side". I said we'd be happy to – but where, I asked, would she suggest we find that side, other than at council meetings, where the issue has seen little serious debate.

It now looks as if this project is stumbling towards some kind of completion. Plans are being laid for trees to be topped, or cut: contracts are being prepared; the fed's building fund is apparently wetting its pencil, and the asphalt's going to be hot soon enough. But just for once, perhaps someone who loves this new runway more than life itself, or is willing to make a detailed argument, backed up with some facts, that our emergency and health services will actually be improved, or that the economy of Algonquin Highlands is poised, on final project completion, to take off like a North Korean missile, would actually try to communicate some of this to the taxpayers. Say, with a letter to the editor. We'll publish it: guaranteed.

But still, the project is not 100 percent guaranteed to proceed. On April 10th the airport project was entered into Industry Canada's Environment Assessment Registry, which will put into motion a review and establish the amount of required further Environment work. At the very least it should provide an opportunity for some formal public input. We can hardly wait. ■

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More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

An unimaginable folly:

Ratepayers, Environment, Democratic Rights be Damned!

An unimaginable folly is being perpetrated against the soil, the environment, and the people of Haliburton Highlands. It masquerades as a progressive move that will bring industry, needed jobs and greater wealth to this beautiful green corner of the world so many of us love for its natural beauty and the warm artistic and recreational environment it offers. There are appropriate and progressive investments that would strengthen our economy and enhance the environment. We heard about several of these developments that are appropriate to our regional geography at the Greening of Haliburton Conference sponsored by the Highlands Development Council (HCDC) in March.

The folly we're investing in instead is a 1220 metre crosswind runway for Algonquin Highlands' Stanhope Airport. Members of the Councils of the other three municipalities and the County have expressed opposition to it as this runway project is an inappropriate, regressive and deeply-flawed idea, spawned in the seventies before we knew of Peak Oil and the looming energy crisis. The idea originated before we had heard of global warming, and the contributions of air travel to it; and of course before the current deep economic downturn and the need for wise use of public money in projects that would truly stimulate the economy.

In an age before ecological awareness, the fossil fuel energy crisis, even before the large population shift into Haliburton

was underway, the councilors of Stanhope Township were progressively motivated by their desire to make Haliburton more accessible to industry, and their field of dreams included an air park and the big money, big personal jets and the conspicuous wealth that would accompany this project. This was in the 1970's and the original sensible plan was to lengthen and widen the existing prevailing-wind runway. Oops! A hill and a road made this appear too expensive, and frustrated commonsense gradually morphed into folly as the years went by and the world changed and an ill-advised alternative plan, a crosswind runway, became the flavour of the day.

The foolishness of building a new and crosswind runway, much longer than the east-west existing runway when only four percent of the flights coming into Stanhope Airport would benefit from a non prevailing wind runway has never been addressed to the satisfaction of those opposed. This idea is driven by the yesteryear dreams of only three or four politicians who have systematically flouted the express wishes of a majority of their ratepayers and the other municipalities in the County. At a relatively recent Algonquin Highlands meeting a single vote, that of our Reeve, was needed to proceed. We were one vote from allowing the idea to be put out of its misery and the project halted.

Now, tenders are out for a huge clear cutting, earth-moving, asphalt-laying project that our Reeve grandly compares to

a four-lane highway running for 1220 metres. Thoughtful people are appalled that such a project is going forward in a County that doesn't want it, at a time of increasing poverty when our federal, provincial, and municipal tax dollars should have been spent humanely and sensibly, not on a dream for the recreational use of a wealthy elite. (Our consultants have told us that this new runway will never be licensed for commercial use.)

The economic burden being laid on the 2,000 residents of Algonquin Highlands is staggering. This municipality will be paying \$1.3 million, before overruns that on an estimated \$4 million dollar project may be horrendous. On the 30 year payback of the loan we calculate that we will be paying an additional \$1.3 million interest, without overruns.

Many of us have spent hundreds of hours and many thousands of dollars trying to help two or three of our Councilors clear their eyes and abandon their folly. Now as they prepare to bring in the big machinery and begin to clear-cut and bulldoze—they hope to have the paving complete by October—we need a broader base of help. The democratic rights of the people have been ignored thus far and this folly must be stopped. When the work commences all forms of protest will be in order.

Paul Irwin (Reverend)
Resident of Algonquin Highlands ■

School Board Opts to Reconsider Calendar Change

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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

"Those sales surrounding the Labour Day weekend are the final revenues of our summer season," she explained, "revenues which will determine whether I will be able to feed, cloth and house my family during the long off season."

With the current status of the economy, Dawes adds that the results of business from the Labour Day weekend may determine whether her business will continue on or fail.

"Labour Day weekend sales will be the difference between my business surviving or possibly dying."

Dawes said that although she realizes the board faces challenges in areas such as the coordination of co-terminus boards and bussing, scheduling, and a new challenge in the form of Huntsville's G8 Summit, she urges the calendar year start on Sept. 8.

"It will take extra time and organization, but the results will be so greatly appreciated by so many across the region," she said.

Bob Kerr, past president of the Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce, said he came to the meeting to speak on behalf of several chambers in the area.

"I'm speaking not only for Bracebridge, but also for Muskoka Lakes, Gravenhurst, Haliburton, Port Sydney and a number of individual groups that represent several employees in the area," said Kerr.

It was back in February that Kerr said his local chamber became aware of the possible calendar change that could come into effect.

"It was at that point that we realized the impact this was going to have on many of the local businesses and also on students who rely on income from summer jobs for the rest of the year," he said. "The ripple effect that the change could create motivated us at our chamber to reach out to other chambers across central Ontario and throughout the Greater Toronto Area (GTA)."

Through their research, Kerr said they discovered that not all schools were starting the year on Sept. 1.

"Some are keeping with tradition, on the day after Labour Day," he pointed out.

Kerr added that the Bracebridge Chamber of Commerce sent out a total of 428 surveys to local businesses. They received over 100 responses, or about 25 per cent.

"Fifty per cent of the respondents indicated that the early school start date would negatively affect their business," said Kerr. "Within this 50 per cent, seven per cent have already experienced a loss of business through cancellations of reservations for vacation accommodations such as camps and the cancellation of special event on the last week of August."

Kerr finally advised that trustees reconsider their original calendar recommendation.

"An early start would have a considerable impact on businesses that need that week, and also the students who work at those businesses," he said.

A committee that has looked at options for the upcoming year over the last several months has included representatives from the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation (OSSTF), Trillium Lakelands Elementary Teachers' Local (TLETL), TLOTL, CUPE, senior administration and elementary and secondary principals/vice principals. Input from those in payroll, learning resources and transportation departments. School councils were also given consideration and consultation with the community and neighbouring boards began in November.

The original change to the calendar would allow for the 194 instructional days that are required by the Ministry and would still leave nine weeks designated towards summer holidays. Other activity days would also remain.

The Ministry of Education had previously given school boards no direction in the creation of the school year calendar for 2009-10, even with the potential strain the late Labour Day may place on communities.

However, public pressure placed on Education Minister Kathleen Wynne last month saw her send a letter to school boards across Ontario asking that they consider changing their calendars to start after Labour Day.

The TLDSB, along with other school boards that have not submitted their calendar to the Ministry, will have until May 1st to do so. ■

Dear Editor:

"Rabies clinics are not benefiting the public or the pets..."

Since coming to the Minden/Haliburton area, I have noticed that this is one of the only areas in Ontario where rabies clinics are still being conducted. I thought I would take this opportunity to share my view, which is on par with most other veterinarians in Ontario, as well as the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association, about rabies clinics in our area.

Holding rabies clinics in Ontario is not wise, especially in areas like ours where pet owners have access to veterinary care and rabies vaccine baiting controls the disease in the wild. Setting up a voucher system for those who have financial difficulties is a far better way to address the problem.

As they are currently structured, rabies clinics are not benefiting the public or the pets

and there is no epidemiological evidence to support holding rabies clinics in our area.

Rabies clinics originally were a way of reducing the risk of rabies transmission to people in rabies endemic areas. They were structured to benefit people, not animals. Should people become at risk again in Ontario, we should re-consider them. Rabies clinics were never meant to be a substitute for regular veterinary care. Since 1989 the MNR has been doing trap-vaccinate-release programs and aerial vaccine baiting for rabies. The ministry is committed to the research, control and eradication of rabies in Ontario, thereby protecting the health and safety of the public, their pets and the wildlife of this province. Their programs

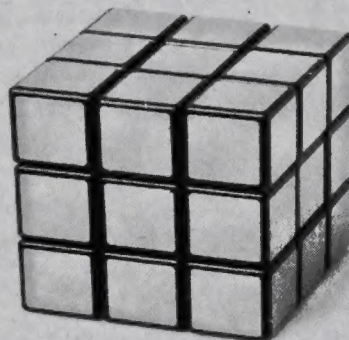
have been so successful that broad areas of Ontario are free of fox and raccoon rabies.

Rabies clinics jeopardize your pet's health due to the absence of patient medical records and the fact that no pre-vaccination physical examination is required or performed. Many of the animals do not need or should not have a vaccination, especially not every year. Indiscriminate vaccination without proper care and checking of medical records is very poor medicine.

With the advent of the three year rabies vaccines, there is also the risk of adverse reactions to yearly vaccinations that may not even be required. Cats are at the most risk for adverse reactions to vaccinations

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Carey's Garden Centre Finds a New Home

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Last week the Minden Hills Council approved temporary use of land on Booth Crescent for development of a business known as Carey's Garden Centre. The application wasn't given the nod without some opposition at the public meeting, but a previous error in zoning and assurances of tight development controls were enough for Council to give it their approval.

Planning Administrator Elinor Kernohan advised Council that during amalgamation, through some error or omission, only a portion of the property was given the appropriate zoning designation. At the present time the land is zoned Residential when the surrounding area is zoned Highway Commercial.

Kernohan advised that while a landscaping business does not specifically conform with the policies of the Official Plan, there are allowances which permit the use of lands on a temporary basis provided the development confirms generally to the intent of the OP and is compatible with surrounding land uses.

She proposed approval of the application on a temporary basis for a period of three years, with the ability to extend approval for an additional three years.

During the public meeting Anne Neave and Pat Campbell voiced concern about the development. Neave said she was concerned for her own business (Campbell's Flower Gifts & Garden Centre) given the economy at the present time and the fact that there are a number of other businesses in the area offering gardening and landscaping services. In addition to that, Neave said the problem would be compounded with the development of Canadian Tire and their garden centre, which would create considerable competition.

Neave spoke about the process she had followed in getting her own business off the ground and the fact that she had to ensure that the appropriate zoning was in place prior to developing her business and pay all of the necessary fees. She said, "Council should think about the number of existing businesses. I don't think that you are really considering other options. Existing businesses are struggling."

Pat Campbell supported Neave's position and said, "I'm concerned that someone can just walk in and establish something on residential property without the same kind of requirements (Neave) had to meet. What is different here?"

Reeve Jim McMahon confirmed that the property had initially been zoned commercial, but when the comprehensive zoning by-law had been passed an error was made on this particular property. He said, "This is an easy way to correct the problem. The planner failed to include it in a block of commercial property."

McMahon also advised that as the gardening season is close at hand, a special meeting had been called to consider the by-law.

Kernohan again explained that it was a temporary use application allowed by the Planning Act as long as it conforms in a general way to developments in the area. She also confirmed that, as Council realized the land had been inadvertently missed in the zoning process, they were willing to waive the rezoning fee.

Kernohan also confirmed that a Site Plan Agreement would be prepared for the development and that it would be limited solely to a landscaping/garden centre with no large equipment stored on the property.

During their review of the by-law in the regular meeting that followed, Councillor Rick Ratcliff

said that he shared concerns about the number of competing businesses, but added that it was not within Council's mandate to restrict business based on competition.

Ratcliff also said that he would have a problem with the development if the applicant was already developing the property. He suggested that work be stopped until approvals are received and a site plan agreement in place.

Councillor Peter Oyler agreed with Ratcliff's comments about free enterprise and the rights of businesses to open. He said, "It is not our responsibility to prevent development in the case of a permanent business." Oyler however did question Kernohan about Council's ability to say no to a temporary business.

Kernohan said the application should be treated in the same fashion as any other zoning request. "From a planning perspective if it was denied the applicant would have the right of appeal, as would anyone who is in opposition to the development."

Oyler also had Kernohan confirm that if the applicant failed to enter into or meet the terms and conditions of a site plan agreement, the development would not go forward or it could be shut down.

This will not be the first time that Carey's Garden Centre has been under close scrutiny by municipal planning departments. When the business was located in Dysart Township at the corner of Highway 118 and the Harburn Road for a number of years, the owners added several large temporary structures. When Dysart officials finally insisted Carey's enter into a site plan agreement, the owners decided to re-locate.

Minden Hills Council approved the by-law authorizing the temporary development of Carey's Garden Centre for a three year period, subject to the terms of the site plan agreement. Should the development be completed in accordance with the agreement and be successful, a further three year term may be authorized. ■

CUME is Making Inroads

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Even though all is quiet on the uranium mining front in Haliburton County at the moment, a small but stalwart group of cottagers represented by a group called CUME (Cottagers Against Uranium Mining and Exploration) continues to be heard.

Susanne Lauten, CUME'S founder, along with Robin Simpson and Roger Young of FUME (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration) spoke to an audience of about 35 people and answered questions at an anti-uranium discussion held during the Cottage Life Show in Toronto on March 27th. According to Lauten a highlight of the Cottage Life show weekend was the overwhelming response they received to the display booth that CUME manned. She said, "Hundreds of anxious cottagers questioned us about uranium mining and more than ninety signed out contact list".

Even better, many of the cottagers volunteered to help with the cause and all vowed to attend the Community- Wide Anti- Uranium Rally scheduled to be held at Queens Park on Sunday, September 27th between 2:00 and 4:00p.m.

There will be a lot more information about the rally between now and September. Lauten says that she has spoken with a Pollution Prevention Coordinator who has cautioned that the existing drill holes left behind by Bancroft Uranium and others who have conducted exploration in the area must be capped. According to Lauten, if this isn't done, the test holes will continue to exhale radon gas. This is something that Lauten intends to follow up on as she raises questions about responsibility and who will pay the associated costs. Lauten said she has received information about exploratory drilling that was conducted in the Otter Lake vicinity, north of Lake Joseph in Muskoka.

In the hopes that once people in Muskoka area cottagers get on board with CUME, their battle will be much easier, Lauten says that is where she will be focusing her attention and spreading her message next.

Another boon to Lauten is the fact her local Newmarket – Aurora MPP, Frank Klees has thrown his hat into the ring in a bid to become the new leader of the Provincial Conservative Party. She says that Klees is strongly opposed to uranium mining in cottage country and he has already proved to be very helpful to their cause.

"After he spent an hour conferring with me in January, Frank immediately did three things: he offered valuable advice on how to win the anti-uranium campaign, he called Queen's Park and said, "Give this lady a permit for her anti-uranium protest rally." Even better, Lauten said that was something that Queen's Park promptly did. Klees also set up a meeting between CUME and John Tory prior to the election.

Lauten has a bit more positive news to impact to interested cottagers. She said that Dr. Sandy Buchman, the past President of the Ontario College of Family Physicians and a cottager on Little Glamour Lake, has joined forces with CUME. According to Lauten, newly published medical research regarding the health dangers of uranium mining, has motivated him to take their case to the Ontario Medical Association. Lauten says that Buchman is also planning a small delegation to meet face-to-face with the new Haliburton Kawartha Lakes – Brock MPP, Rick Johnson.

"We're truly on a roll now," she said. "And I'm convinced that if we all unite and do our part, we can shut the door on uranium mining and exploration forever. There's strength in numbers!" ■

"We're truly on a roll now".
(Susanne Lauten)

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Highlands East Council Hot Under the Collar

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

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Councillor Suzanne Partridge said, "We need to move ahead on this matter and be in a position to see if we can get funding." Partridge said that Council must consider energy conservation and putting the municipality in a better position for future Councils. "We should be consolidating things while the funding is available."

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie jumped right in saying, "We need a new building like a hole in the head. I could accept rearranging the firehalls to get rid of several buildings, but (some of) you campaigned against centralization or a new municipal centre."

Reeve Burton responded simply that the times had changed.

Mackie was immediately angered, and accused the rest of Council of wanting to spend over a million dollars for a new municipal centre that would take people from Gooderham, Highland Grove and Cardiff and alienate them even more than they are already. He quoted people from Dyno Estates who, during the election, had asked, "When you guys get in there, are you going to build a new municipal office or would you support it?" Mackie said that at the time all of the Council members had responded "no" to the question.

He then asked, "If you build a new municipal office, what will we do with this one?" Despite previous direction to the contrary, Councillor Gary Stoughton said that the library and medical centre could be moved into the municipal offices and the other buildings could be sold to assist with the cost.

Burton said, "The money may be available to us and it could cost as much as \$1.5 million, but I believe it's the way to consolidate and get rid of some of our buildings, particularly the firehalls." Burton also said that Council needed an architect to prepare options and cost estimates before applying for funding. Partridge agreed that they needed a functional building for all of their staff.

Mackie said, "We simply have to realign things. If we move the Building Department to Gooderham and the By-Law Officer to Cardiff, things we planned but didn't do, it would make the entire front end of the building available. There would even be a spare office for the Reeve. To spend the money just because the government will fund two thirds of it is ludicrous."

Partridge, however, said she was not in favour of splitting the staff up.

Mackie cautioned Council that down the road they would have to maintain and heat this new building. He said, "The energy audits indicate that you will not build anything more efficient than this building, particularly if there is a bit of tweaking done."

"At \$1.5 million dollars Highlands East will be into it for \$500,000. I could agree to changes to the fire department buildings, but this would simply be building another monster building." Mackie referred to Council's comments about the medical centre, asking just how often the building was used and if the use warranted further consideration. Accepting comments made earlier in the meeting about the cramped space occupied by a combination of the Council Chambers and the Clerk's office, he suggested considering a second story on the existing municipal office as an alternative.

Stoughton said, "We have to do something with all of the buildings we have." He said that there were too many firehalls for a township their size, that all the other municipalities that had amalgamated had dealt with similar problems during amalgamation. He suggested Council had let people dictate what would happen and because of that they were now heating six buildings when in reality they only needed three. He also suggested realigning the fire departments into Cardiff or Bicroft and Wilberforce.

Mackie took offence to these comments and stalwartly defended the fire department, saying, "I think we're very progressive and provide far better protection than the average fire department." Mackie did agree to some extent with the idea of realigning the firehalls and selling several buildings to pay for the municipality's share of a new firehall.

"But I will not support building a new municipal office," he said. Having said that, Mackie agreed that the Clerk deserved to be moved and have a private office but also said, "We must work smarter than this."

Partridge reiterated that Council had to establish an action plan, that they must get rid of buildings that are not in good condition or accessible and stressed the need for a more functional and efficient building. She said, "We have been going around and around without doing anything and we're throwing good money after bad."

The discussion became more and more heated with Mackie asking where the plan was for a new municipal office. He also asked for the draft resolution to be reworded to say they would simply explore a new building. He said, "We're looking at 54 years of water and sewer services. If you want to do infrastructure work, fix what we have or look at the roads rather than trying to build a Taj Mahal just because the money is available."

Council haggled about the wording of the resolution and argued about the fact that a 'municipal building' could mean anything including a firehall. Mackie said that the resolution was giving Council carte blanche to do whatever they wanted. This set the argument alight once more with Mackie accusing Burton of making false promises during the election and Burton saying, "Go ahead; dig it up and we'll have a public outcry about it."

Mackie said, "We'll see what our constituents say when they find out we're closing buildings in outlying areas."

Finally a recorded vote was taken on the matter. Councillors Donna Graham and Partridge voted yes to the resolution, Mackie and Stoughton voted against it and Burton carried the resolution with his deciding vote.

Council has held a number of closed door sessions about infrastructure and buildings in the past. At the present time the municipality is maintaining 70 buildings (including outdoor toilet facilities). Possible locations may have been discussed during closed sessions but there was no indication given of preferred sites during this meeting.

One thing we do know; we will hear more on the matter in the days to come. ■

"If you want to do infrastructure work, fix what we have or look at the roads rather than trying to build a Taj Mahal just because the money is available." (Jim Mackie)

More Letters to the Editor

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Rabies Clinics Cont'd....

and the history of previous vaccines and adverse events is not even broached at the clinics. It is also my opinion that the adjuvanted vaccine used at the rabies clinics should not be given to cats. The adjuvant is designed to stimulate the body's immune system after vaccination and help initiate the formation of immunity. However, that same adjuvant is thought to be responsible for tumor (cancer) formation in some cats at the vaccination sites, which is life-threatening. Some vaccines do not contain adjuvants and are just as effective, with fewer tragic side effects. At rabies clinics I have been to in the past, the vaccines have been sponsored and purchased at a very low rate, not chosen for the pet but for the price. Then all the animals get the same vaccine without an exam or any questions asked. The vaccinations should be chosen by an individual pet's life style, where it visits, who it plays with, age and immune status: the vaccine itself requires quite a bit of investigation to purchase the one just right for the pets in the area.

Overall, the rabies clinics do not benefit the pet. They DO put your pet at risk for adverse reactions, exposure to other unvaccinated animals, trauma while waiting in line, stress for owners and pets, and vaccinations for diseases that are prevalent in our area are not given. These include distemper and parvo, parainfluenza, leptospirosis in dogs and feline leukemia virus and panleukopenia in cats.

Going to these clinics gives owners a misguided sense that they are doing their civic duty and a false sense of security that their pets are getting up to date on their vaccines, when they are not. The most important part of the visit, the physical examination, is non-existent. During the physical exam, a history of previous vaccinations, adverse reactions, medical problems can be addressed. Also during a proper examination, the animal is fully examined for problems that could adversely affect the production of antibodies the vaccine induces (reducing the vaccines effectiveness) and problems with the pet noted and discussed with the owners.

The College of Veterinarians (CVO) is the veterinarians' governing body. Among many other things, they make the rules regarding the legality of holding the rabies clinics. The CVO have recently been approached by the OVMA and concerned veterinarians to consider a better approach

to this issue and to stop allowing rabies clinics in Ontario. I personally have already approached the town of Minden Hills suggesting a solution. The town or province could work with local veterinarians and develop a "low-cost" vaccination program that could benefit those who truly cannot afford to vaccinate the animals they have already. This should not encourage those who cannot afford pets to purchase more animals they cannot afford. Owning an animal is a privilege, not a necessity. The program would not be for those that can truly afford proper veterinary care where there is available veterinary care. Social services structure is already in place to determine who is truly in need financially and it could be employed by this program. I suggested a voucher system to replace the clinics.

Pet owners could go to a Regional office and sign a document indicating they were in financial need as they do in the Halton region. They could then be given a dollar amount vaccination voucher that could be used to get a vaccination at any participating veterinary clinic in the region. Since the animals would be taken to a veterinary hospital they would have a proper examination. At that time, medical records could be checked and written, proper vaccines for that pet given with the discount applied if a voucher is in the owner's possession. This system would give inexpensive vaccines to those in need only, the proper assessment, history taking and examination the pet needs. The pet and owner would both benefit, unlike the

scenario at a rabies clinic the way it is now structured.

The province spends a large number of our tax dollars through public health annually to set up these rabies clinics. That money would be better spent on people that really do need financial help with pet care and to do so in the proper facilities with a proper examination and give the vaccines that are really needed by the pet. I am personally willing to put the effort into helping a program like this get off the ground.

Rabies clinics do have their place and are a great benefit in third world countries where stray dogs roam the streets and have no owners and put people at risk of contracting rabies. That is what it is like in northern India where I have done rabies clinics and in West Africa as well. Their situation is not ours.

There are not many programs in place to help those who are financially strapped and have pets that need veterinary care. We do have the Farley Foundation that helps people with sick or injured animals that cannot afford veterinary care. We raise funds for this program and have used it in the past. It is a very worthwhile cause and a great place to give your charitable dollars.

Please check the following sites for information on rabies clinics and the Farley Foundation.

www.farleyfoundation.org,
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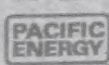


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Saunders Road is Here to Stay

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Tuesday was a red letter day for the Highlands East Council as they finally reached a compromise decision on the long standing South Wilberforce/Saunders Road debate and put the matter to bed once and for all.

Joan Barton and Tracey Green's presentation was the catalyst for Council's decision, but they came armed with some ammunition. They presented a small petition to Council representing eighteen households on Saunders Road. Fourteen of them asked to retain their present 911 addresses and four households indicated their desire to have the name changed back to South Wilberforce Road.

Barton, who spoke to as many families living on the road as possible, said, "We just want to be left alone." She said that the numbers and names had changed three times over the last nine years and it was becoming exhausting.

"There are more businesses on the road than are evident and they rely on timely mail and courier services." According to Barton, the number of glitches and delays after the last name change had caused her considerable difficulty. "Each time there is a change there is an interruption in cash flow as addresses are again clarified with customers and couriers, something I don't want to go through again."

Barton said, "There are a number of other ways to make people aware that this is a historic area."

Tracey Green acknowledged the amount of work that had been put into the name changing process. She said that if everyone voted in favour of the renaming she would be prepared to accept the change. "But you didn't have the 85 percent agreement required," she said. Green also said that time is valuable and to change the name back again would not be productive.

She admitted to being relatively new to the area, but said she loved living there and had soaked up the history. Green, who offers blacksmithing and nostalgic art on Saunders road, said that she has a great deal of respect for the area's history and when she holds workshops or blacksmithing days or attends events, she sets up a display detailing some of that history. (Green showed Council the display she had created.)

But Green also said that the reality of her situation was that she had spent upwards of \$6,000 on advertising and business promotion that included her present address. She also referred Council to the number of studio tour brochures and destination guides that incorporate her address. She said, "You would assume in theory that people would be able to find us, but they have problems and another change would be a major inconvenience." Green also said that she would rather spend her free time bringing people into the area rather than wasting time on another name change.

South Wilberforce Road was originally a loop road where the community of Wilberforce first settled. With the arrival of the railroad, the community moved to its existing site, but many residents still living on the road haven't forgotten earlier days and the history of Wilberforce.

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Municipality Won't Assist in Tree Cutting Process Man's Property in Dysart Raises the Issue of Land Expropriation

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Dysart et al councillors don't plan on expropriating any land in the Municipality to help accommodate the Stanhope Airport expansion project.

That was the decision councillors made during a meeting in council chambers on Tuesday.

The airport issue was raised after councillors reviewed a letter that was submitted by Andrew Kuzyk, an owner of property that is directly adjacent to the airport and happens to lie in municipality of Dysart.

In Kuzyk's letter he emphasis the impact that the project could have on his property. "The engineer expressed that it is necessary to cut down trees on my property...I would like to know if Dysart intends to expropriate my property to facilitate the Algonquin Highlands airport expansion or stand by its publicized position of not supporting the expansion," he wrote.

"There seem to be a lot of different opinions on this issue apparently," said Reeve Murray Fearrey. "I think it's going to come up at the next County council meeting and I think we need determine our direction on this."

Fearrey added that council should decide on whether or not the municipality would help out the township of Algonquin Highlands financially should they need assistance at any time.

Councillor Andrea Roberts didn't feel that Dysart should get involved.

"I don't see this benefitting the county, especially with the economic times," said Roberts. "I don't understand the philosophy behind how this will help business in the area."

Councillor Derek Knowles didn't say that he was for or against the project; however, he did say that he hopes to see some positive results come out of the expansion.

"Personally, as a taxpayer in this area, I hope that it eventually has a positive economic impact on the community," said Knowles. "Nothing ventured is nothing gained, as far as I'm concerned."

Councillors passed two motions on the matter, one stating that they would not financially help the township of Algonquin Highlands with the project and the other stating that they won't expropriate land in the municipality.

The expansion project will add an additional 1,220-meter crosswind runway to the airport that already has a single 2,000-meter single runway. Despite opposition to the project from members of the community, especially from members of lake associations, the project is receiving \$2.5 million in funding from the federal and provincial governments under the Build Canada Fund. How the remaining \$1.2 million of the \$3.7 million project will be covered is up to the township of Algonquin Highlands to decide. ■

Sam's Lake Severance Application Causes Concern

"This is not the time for Council to speak to the matter."
(Peter Oyler)

Because of a change in planning policies over time, Greg Knight would like to create another new lot on Sam's Lake, but it's not something the Minden Hills Council is prepared to approve without a bit of forethought. Knight and his planner, John Gallagher presented their request for the severance to Council last week; however, several members of Council were reluctant to allow the application to proceed until they have had a chance to consider the matter carefully.

Knight is proposing to sever a five acre parcel that includes 200 feet of shoreline frontage from a parcel of land created through a previous severance. The proposed lot to be severed which is zoned Shoreline Residential (Exception 12) does not meet the minimum lot size of 7 acres

According to Planning Administrator Elinor Kernohan, when the parcel to be retained in this application was severed in 2005, Council placed a condition on the approval that no further severances would be considered. Gallagher referred to the municipality's Official Plan which he said had previously limited the number of lots that could be created to three lots plus the retained parcel. Gallagher said, "The County now allows four lots plus the retained parcel without a plan of subdivision and it looks like your consent policy allows four lots plus the retained (110 acre) parcel."

Gallagher said that he had reviewed the waterfront policies and he felt Knight's proposal would meet all the requirements, adding that there were no environmental concerns, particularly given Minden Hills' vegetation and retention of shoreline requirements. This was confirmed by a memorandum from Kernohan stating that the municipality's policy on lands with the Waterfront designation would permit the proposed residential use.

Kernohan also noted that Sam's Lake had not been identified as an 'at capacity lake trout lake' or a 'moderately sensitive lake'

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

suggesting that no lake impact assessment would be needed to support the proposed lot creation.

Gallagher said he had spoken to the County's Planner (Jane Tousaw) who suggested the severance could take place, but that discussion with the Municipality was recommended given their previous policy. Gallagher also acknowledged that as the zoning placed a restriction on the size of the lots, the land would have to be rezoned.

Gallagher said, "The previous severances were done after an environmental study and if Council sees fit we could place on addendum on the study to show that this lot will meet all of the criteria."

Gallagher said that he was seeking direction from Council or confirmation that they would support another severance given that their Official Plan now allows four lots to be severed plus the retained parcel without the required plan of subdivision. He said, "The previous severance worked well and there are three nice homes built, all following the environmental covenants." He said Knight planned the same type of development for this new lot.

In response to Councillor Rick Ratcliff's comments about Knight trying to circumvent their original agreement, Knight said, "You have altered your own requirements and changed the threshold for plans of subdivision."

Ratcliffe asked if this would be the last lot to be developed on the lake. Gallagher informed Council that there are other vacant lands on Sam's Lake, but there would be no more severances on Knight's parcel.

Reeve Jim McMahon said, "Not hearing any objections, we seem to be in agreement that this will proceed through to the County." Councillor Peter Oyler, however, said "This is not the time for Council to speak to the matter. This is only a deputation." Oyler said that McMahon could not provide the applicant with any assurances at this time.

Gallagher said, "I understand the process required and if there are issues that would prohibit the development we're prepared to accept that. We simply wanted to get an indication of Council's position prior to proceeding."

Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch said, "There were serious concerns raised by surrounding land owners at the time (of the last severance) and that is something we need to talk about."

Murdoch later said, "Sam's Lake is very small and there were concerns raised about over-development from the very beginning."

As time constraints did not allow Council an opportunity to discuss the application further it is expected to be addressed during the April 30th meeting. ■

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A Different Approach to Economic Development

Minden Hills Council Considers their Options

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Staff Reporter

"People will be more inclined to build on the success of the small accomplishments." (Judy Coward)

There is no doubt that economic development is a priority for the Minden Hills Council, but finding the best approach to achieve their goals seems to be a challenge given recent budgetary concerns. The Council has been deeply divided on how the recently announced tax hike should be allocated, but they may have been offered a perfect compromise, if all goes well.

According to some Council members, the revenue from increased taxes was earmarked to pay for the comprehensive economic development study that Council decided to embark on last year. Several Council members think that the study should be done in two phases, to reduce the impact on this year's budget, while others have clearly stated that the money should be used to cover shortfalls or other projects, like furniture and equipment for the new library.

Last week Judy Coward, Program Coordinator for the Ontario Ministry of Agriculture, Food and Rural Affairs (OMAFRA) presented an option for Council's consideration. On March 27th OMAFRA, through its Rural Economic Development (RED) Program, announced the creation of their Main Street Ontario initiative which allows communities to apply for funding annually to use the Main Street approach to downtown revitalization.

Coward advised Council that the program had been approved after two years of pilot work in Havelock, Stirling and Omeme. She said, "As a result of pilot projects that saw jobs created and retained in rural communities, the Ministry decided to offer program funding across Ontario on an annual basis. Each municipality must meet specific criteria and first submit an expression of interest, which if accepted must be followed by a detailed application.

The program offers matching funding of up to 50 percent of eligible project costs to a maximum of \$150,000 over a three year period. It is intended to help communities hire a full time coordinator to develop, implement and monitor a downtown revitalization action plan. The ceiling amount of \$50,000 a year can be increased by an additional \$15,000 during the first year in northern communities to help with the cost to secure market analysis expertise.

Coward said that the Main Street program takes a four point approach including economic development, organization and collaboration, marketing and promotion as well as physical or streetscape improvements. She said the goal

was to fill existing vacancies with the type of businesses that would be sustainable on the long term, adding that physical design and enhancement to the main street is something that people usually gravitate to, but all four components are necessary for the success of the program.

If successful with their application, during the first year the municipality would hire a coordinator to help develop an action plan that encompassed the four point approach. Coward said, "We'll be there when you need us. Training will be provided (through OMAFRA) and we would continue to coach and provide assistance throughout the program."

During the next two years the community would start to implement their revitalization strategy. Coward agreed that the program has its shortcomings, but she said that things do move forward. She also commented that it would be interesting to see the success of the program given the present economic times and that it is designed to establish sustainable business in the area.

Part of the process would include establishing a committee of key stakeholders in the community; to harness existing resources and talents in the community. Coward said, "The program would include collecting and assessing all background work that's been done to date as well as conducting several surveys to determine what brings people to Minden, what else they might buy if it was available and where they're coming from."

Coward said that the program was traditionally intended for main streets but she said Council could target the Highway 35 corridor if they considered it the primary commercial shopping area.

"Umbrella strategies are developed including pulling data together and seeking public meeting and design input to establish short and long term goals," she said, adding that it was important to maintain a cyclical approach which allowed revising and improving on strategies when required.

"Big plans take time," she said. "Build on small accomplishments. People will be more inclined to build on the success of small projects."

Coward said, "I appreciate that as a Committee of Council there will be some designated Councillors involved, but the coordinator and OMAFRA representatives will work with the Committee to move forward. This is not meant to be a huge work load for Council."

Coward reviewed the application process and funding details for Council. She said, "If Minden Hills submits an appli-

cation that follows the process it will be a streamlined approval process and the application will move forward quickly."

Having said that, Coward also advised Council that because of the positive response to the program, the government would be doing a limited intake. She said, "There may only be 10 communities accepted across the province and OMAFRA will be looking for the best applications."

Ratcliff was concerned that Minden Hills do not have an active BIA, but Coward advised that that was not specifically required. She said, "There is interest; it's simply a matter of who is willing to take on the work."

Councillor Peter Oyler asked why, with the present goal to have an economic development plan prepared, Council should buy into this approach. Coward said that she understood the terms of reference for the economic development study to be very comprehensive, while this program focuses on the downtown business area. She said nothing would preclude Council from continuing to work on some aspects of the original contract like traffic and servicing issues in concert with the Main Street program.

CAO Gerry Morrison suggested that the Municipality's department heads should have some time to review and fully understand the intricacies of the Main Street program. He said, "I want to understand perfectly what we're getting into here."

Oyler said he felt it was important to compare this approach to working with the private sector. He said, "Our focus has been on spending x amount of dollars for a study rather than Council decided to focus on a specific area and a program that should make things work for the next three years."

Coward commented that the pilot communities had included aspects of fund raising and donations in their strategies for specific projects and initiatives, reiterating her earlier point about taking small steps and assuring certain accomplishments.

Reeve Jim McMahon, "I'm very pleased to see the province committed to revitalizing rural communities. Minden should be a perfect fit and I look forward to what comes back from our department heads."

Council concurred, but agreed with a recommendation by Oyler that, giving the timing, management staff should be prepared to have a recommendation for their next meeting. Morrison agreed to include Coward in the next department head meeting and to bring a report back to Council. ■

Learning What It's Like to 'Live On the Edge'

Game Educates Players About the Socioeconomic Factors that Impact Health

Monopoly teaches us how to spend money if we have lots of it. Scrabble lets us play with words and tests out our vocabulary abilities.

The Last Straw! is a board game that can be just as entertaining as the popular aforementioned games; however, its focus is to educate participants on how challenging the real "game of life" can be.

On Tuesday, April 7, some local members of the Health for Life program got together in the Ruth Parkes room at the Haliburton hospital to try out the game that is intended to be a "teaching tool on the social detriments of health."

"The purpose of doing this is to have Health for Life community partners take information they learned from the game back to their workplace," said Rosie Kadwell, Registered Dietician with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPR).

Health for Life is a health promotion/disease prevention project in Haliburton County. It targets people from all age groups, but places a significant emphasis on children, youth, adult workplace programs and food security issues.

"This is one way that Health for Life is trying to raise awareness of the factors that are keeping people from being able to make healthy choices," said Sue Shikaze, HKPR Health Promoter.

Socioeconomic status is a primary determinant of health in this game, as are race, gender, sexual orientation and other factors. Over the course of the game players go through a life cycle where they encounter "macro" issues such as political climate, economic structure and environmental change, as well as micro issues, such as individual finances, education and family dynamics.

In the game each character moves through the various stages of life, beginning from childhood and going to old age. A player earns or loses vitality chips based on different scenarios and community events they encounter. The character who has the most vitality chips at the end of the game wins.

The game can be played by almost any number of players, from a small group of four or five to a larger group of 25.

The Last Straw! was originally created by students Kate Rossiter and Kate Reeve for a health promotion class at the University of Toronto in 2004. Since then the game has managed to go on and capture several awards from organizations such as the University of Toronto and Community-Campus partnerships for Health.

Support for the production of the game was provided by the Association of Faculties for Medicine (AFMC), with funding from the Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC).

The Last Straw! is available for sign-out at the HKPR office in Haliburton. For more details call Rosie Kadwell at 705 457-1391. ■

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Counting Down to Malawi

Majority of Those On Mission Trip from Haliburton

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Stephen Smith and his son Matthew

Malawi is a country in southeast Africa that faces several challenges. Low life expectancy; high infant mortality and a high prevalence of HIV/AIDS are some of the harsh realities that people of the underdeveloped area face wherever they go.

There's no denying that life in the country is a far cry from that of life in Canada. Haliburton Residents Stephen Smith and his 16-year-old son Matthew know that. But knowing the facts isn't going to stop them in their desire to make a difference and see life outside their comfort zone.

In less than three months, on July 9th, the two will abandon rural life in Haliburton and will travel thousands of kilometers to the densely populated parts of Malawi on a mission trip for two weeks.

The trip is one that Stephen never imagined himself going on a few months back, but when the opportunity found him he couldn't help but have a change of heart.

"Initially, I was opposed to going on mission trips until about a year ago," said Smith, an education assistant at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) and father of three, during a recent interview with The Voice. Stephen's outlook on mission trips quickly changed after he heard one

local man make presentations about his own experiences in a third world country.

"I asked Gary Trapp, a Haliburton resident who has been on a few mission trips, to speak to some of the teenagers in our church (Lake-side Baptist) about his experiences on previous trips. I really wanted the kids to listen to what he had to offer" Stephen explained. "I sat in on his presentation and by the time it was over I was saying, 'where do I sign up?'"

Trapp, who's lived in Haliburton County for the past three years, is not only the organizer of this trip but he is also the head of the Canadian chapter of Hands and Hearts for Africa (HAHFA), a not-for-profit organization comprised of volunteers that partners with existing charities to do mission work.

Bob and Joy Swan of Hosanna Church in Minnesota initially created HAHFA in 2006 after they went on an "exploratory" trip to Malawi and discovered the country's need for help.

During Trapp's presentation to the teens at the church, he revealed that many children in Malawi are left to fend for themselves as orphans because their parents have died from disease.

"It was heart-wrenching for me to watch," recalled Stephen. "Most parents in the country die between the ages of 38 and 55 from AIDS. As a result, either their grandparents are raising them or their young siblings are."

According to an article in Demographics of Malawi, 900,000 adults were living with HIV/AIDS in 2003 (or 14.2 per cent of the population). There approximately 84,000 deaths per year from HIV/AIDS and about 250 new victims are infected each day.

Malawi is among the worlds least developed and most densely populated areas (estimated population is around 14 million). It is bordered by Zambia to the northwest, Tanzania to the northeast and Mozambique to the south, southwest and southeast.

After Stephen expressed his interest to go on a mission trip, he needed to see if Trapp could schedule a trip date that would work for him.

"I asked him when he planned on arranging the next trip to Africa. He said that it would probably be in November. I said that I couldn't do it in November, but if there was a way of having one in the summer, I'd be on-board. Gary didn't seem to think that a trip in the summer would be possible."

But to Stephen's surprise, Trapp soon returned with some good news.

"He told me that there would be a trip in July," recalled Stephen. "So I asked my wife Stephanie if she would come. She's a nurse who has always wanted to go on a mission trip. But since this mission didn't have a medical focus she said no. She did say that she was afraid of saying no because she figured I would ask Matthew. Well that was exactly what I was going to do."

Surprisingly, Matthew had no qualms about joining his dad on the mission.

Why didn't he say "no" when asked to leave behind the comforts of his home, community and friends for a period of two weeks?

"I want to get an idea of what else is out there," he said. "It's also about being able to help people and fulfill a spiritual journey of my own."

In recent weeks, Stephen and Matthew met with Trapp in preparation for their departure.

"The meeting with Gary was mainly to prepare us for the culture shock that we're going to experience," said Stephen. "It was also held to make us aware of the kind of work that we'll be doing there, who we'll be meeting, future fundraising we'll need to do..."

In past mission trips to Malawi over the last few years, HAHFA volunteers have assisted with the construction of a primary school, assisted with financing a maternity wing on a small clinic and have helped to set-up a breakfast program at an orphanage.

Trapp says there are few different things the group will focus on doing in this upcoming trip to Malawi.

"Since 2006, we've (HAHFA) gotten to know a few communities over there," explained Trapp, "so we really want to strengthen our connections and our relationships with these communities. One is a community of people living with HIV/AIDS. We're going to try and assist them with the planting of their crops, because often time's people with HIV/AIDS don't have the physical strength to physical work. We also want to help them micro business opportunities so they can come up with ways to generate income."

The group will also work with a community to set-up another breakfast program and they will visit some projects HAHFA has helped finance in the past through a partnership with Emmanuel International, a global Christian organization.

Trapp adds that the people of Malawi may have other needs that arise while the group is on-site.

"Last year, Emmanuel International was showing us some of the projects that they were working on. In this particular instance they were working on a dike prior to the rainy season. We were able to come in and aid with some of the reconstruction of the dike. Reconstruction meant purchasing sandbags."

Though Malawi faces constant hardship it is known as the "warm heart of Africa" due to the friendliness of its people. Stephen and Matthew are hoping to add to that friendly atmosphere while they are there.

"We're looking forward to playing with the kids," said Stephen. "We'll be bringing soccer balls and Frisbees."

While on the trip, volunteers will also have a chance to take part in some recreational activities.

"We'll be climbing Mount Mulanje, the tallest mountain in Malawi, and we're going to go to a wildlife reserve," said Stephen.

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Tracing Our Roots With the Web

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Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

With a computer and a connection to the Internet, one can participate in a smorgasbord of online activities. From shopping to socializing to gaming and gambling, the virtual possibilities seem to be endless.

On Wednesday, April 8, at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre members of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group (HHGG) and visitors were exposed to some of the online avenues of information that are available to uncover details about family ancestry.

The event, titled "Genealogy in Your Pajamas", featured guest speaker (and HHGG record keeper/librarian) Adele Espina. With the help of a computer and projector, Espina went through a number of free web sites she often uses while on the quest for family lineage information.

"Thanks to the Internet, I really don't have to leave the house to find out who my ancestors are," said Espina. "I've been quite happy to sit in my pajamas and find my ancestors. I've found them on ships, I've found them crossing borders, I've found them giving testimony at trials, and of course, giving birth, getting married and dying."

Espina said that there are several pay web sites that could help you find your ancestors, however, most of what you're looking for can be found for free with the help of groups like the HHGG.

"You can do a lot of this on your own or with help from a group like us," she said.

Espina's online directory for free ancestry information included categories such as: births, marriages and deaths, cemetery databases, census records, military records, immigration records, online books and archived newspaper articles.

When showing how the search engines on each site work, Espina often typed in names of her own ancestors. She pointed out a few simple tips to keep in mind when conducting a search for a name on a web site.

"Quote marks around a name are your friend. If you want to return an exact result, always use quotes," she said.

And even if the correct spelling of an ancestor's name to the searcher is unknown, results can still be generated.

"You have to get at least the first three letters in the name right," said Espina.

Volunteers compile information on many of the free sites, which means that some details could be missing.

"The volunteer sites aren't complete but they're certainly worth a look," said Espina.

On one unique cemetery database web site, users can post photos of a family members' tombstone, information about the cemetery where their beloved one rests and other pertinent details.

Cemeteries in Haliburton County are even starting to appear on this site (www.findagrave.com). At the end of April, HHGG members and volunteers will be going out to photograph local gravesites to post online.

The HHGG was started in 1990 by a small group of individuals. Currently, the group has about 112 members, some of whom include locals and visitors from the U.S.

Some of the main objectives of the group (in a nutshell) are to preserve and make available historic documents to members; collect family histories, facts and stories of early pioneers of Haliburton County; and assist members with their genealogy endeavours.

At the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, HHGG members and non-members have access to resources



Adele Espina of the Haliburton Highlands Genealogy Group gives some pointers on searching for your ancestors via the web.

that can help them search for ancestors and look into Haliburton County's history. Some of the things you'll find at the centre include: two microfilm readers (a device used to enlarge and view micro-sized images), a printer for one microfilm reader, internet access, census records from 1861-1911, historic newspaper articles, a collection of obituaries and duo tongs containing information on local families.

The cost of a membership with the HHGG is \$10 per year. With the annual fee members receive four issues of the 'Original Roots' newsletter, which is produced by the group.

Regular business meetings are held on the second Wednesday of every month in the common room at the Cultural Centre and are generally followed by a presentation from a guest speaker.

If you're interested in becoming a member of the HHGG contact Carol Simmons, Chair, at 705 286-3588 or send an email to hhgggroup@gmail.com.

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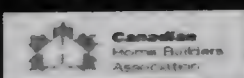
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Stephen and Matthew aren't the only two locals who will be going out on the mission. Joining them will be Mark Bangay also a parishio-

ner at Lakeside Baptist, HHSS students Caitlan Hunter and Kelsey Crowe, former HHSS student David Perecko, and of course, their leader, Gary Trapp.

Each volunteer is responsible for raising funds necessary to cover the cost of the \$4,300 per person trip. This price includes expenses such as airfare, accommodations and all of the required shots. ■

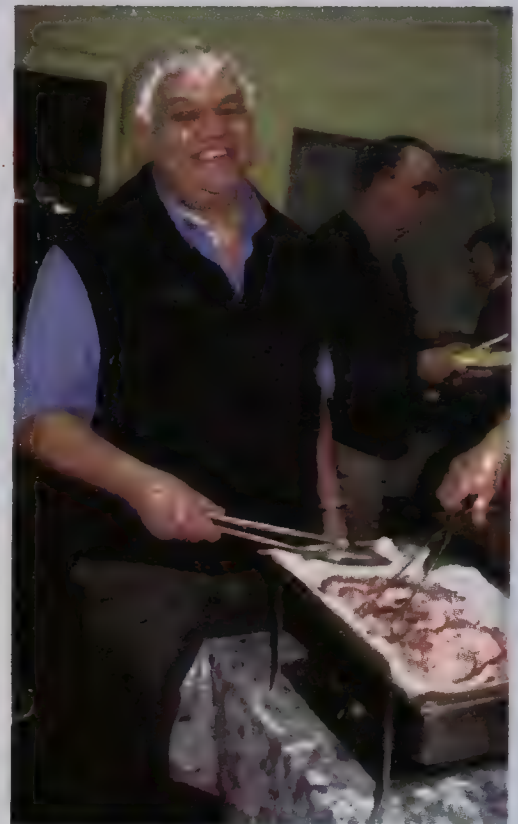
Ministerial Breakfast Welcomes Christian Community on Good Friday



From left: Lakeside Baptist's Pastors Brian Plouffe, Murray Coles, and David Bretzlaff, the Reverend Anne Moore from St. George's Anglican, Pastor Bert Savage from West Guilford Baptist, Jamie McMahon from Youth Unlimited, Pastor Bev Hicks from Lochlin's Northland Faith Church, and Reverend Harry Morgan from the Haliburton United Church welcome their parishioners at Friday's Ministerial Breakfast.

Pastors come together to feed their flocks.

On Good Friday last the Haliburton Christian Ministry came together to serve breakfast to close to 200 parishioners from many denominations at the Lakeside Baptist Church. Although the tone of Good Friday is deeply sombre for many Christians, commemorating as it does Crucifixion of Christ, there was more of a celebratory feeling in the air as the pastors concentrated on the positive message of the Resurrection to come, on Easter Sunday. After the breakfast, the United Church's Harry Morgan lead the group in song, followed by an emotional video by American Evangelist Joe White ... which focused both on the Crucifixion and the Resurrection. Then, the various Pastors returned to their home churches to prepare for the formal Good Friday services. ■



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Wilberforce Welcomes Easter with Annual Maple Fest

For almost 20 years the Highlands East fire-fighters, young and old, have whipped up a wonderful Easter breakfast/brunch as well as provide an enticing venue for many local craftspeople and merchants. The annual Maple Fest event was started by the late volunteer fire fighter Max Walsh, and now his daughter Kathy Rogers is carrying on the tradition with great enthusiasm and gusto. Almost 400 people turned up at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre this past Sunday for this year's Maple Fest, and the food, the warm atmosphere, and the many attractive displays of goods (not to mention the spectacular Easter Bunny) warmed the hearts of all.

And in addition, the event raised almost \$1000 which will be dedicated to refurbishment of the Municipal Medical Centre. ■

Stephen Patrick
Editor



Above: Retired Firefighter Howard Anderson works the kitchen - preparing fluffy pancakes for all!!



Hilda Clarke (a.k.a. The Easter Bunny) is pictured with event organizer Kathy Rogers.

Up, Up and Away Fundraising for Ceiling Lifts On the Go

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF) is doing their part to contribute to the purchases of 70 ceiling lifts that were recently installed in the Haliburton and Minden hospitals and long-term care facilities.

Funds have already been coming in to the Foundation that will go towards covering the purchases, which totalled \$361,000. The HHHSF will be starting several fundraising initiatives in the coming months to raise the remaining \$331,000.

"Our spring patient newsletter has already been sent out and our future fundraisers include the Rotary Golf Classic, the Moose FM Radiothon and a motorcycle poker ride," said Dale Walker, Executive Director of the HHHSF, who added that it shouldn't take any more than two years to raise the funds.

With the lifts staff members at the facilities are able to transfer patients and residents from beds to chairs and back again, safely and with little effort.

After the HHHSF successfully raised funds for purchases of Picture Archiving Communication Systems (PACS), the ceiling lifts became the second priority on the list in the \$2.5 million "Reach for the Future" campaign. ■



From left to right: HHHS acute care manager Debbie Watson, RPN Shelley VanLeishout, registered nurse April DeCarlo, RPN Joan Sawyer, HHHS CEO Paul Rosebush, HHHSF Executive Director Dale Walker, HHHSF Chair Peter Oyler and HHHSF Campaign Co-Chair Don Popple.

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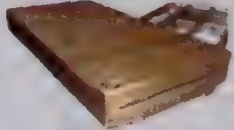
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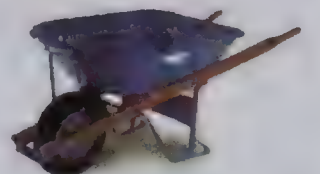


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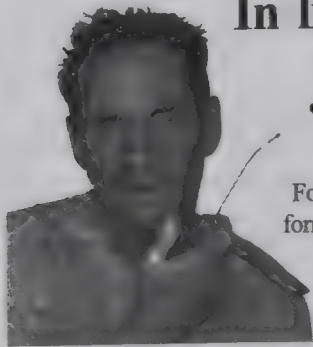
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Angels Pitcher's promising career ends with chalk line on the road In life off the diamond DUI always trumps ERA



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Following a stunning pitching performance last Wednesday, a game in which he pitched six shutout innings against the Oakland As, young Nick Adenhardt was understandably excited.

After the game the 22-year old rookie, touted as the Los Angeles Angels top-pitching prospect, sought out his pitching coach Mike Butcher.

He was thrilled, wide-eyed and wound tight as the game ball, locked into a special moment that few athletes ever experience.

Games come and games go in the course of a career. This particular game was special for young Nick Adenhardt. Not for the six shutout innings, but for a moment.

A moment when clarity fairly clattered off the stands, rambling like an echo off the bleacher seats before finally stuttering to impact inside this young pitcher's soul. The soul of a ballplayer is a mumbled place, where heart and mind meet, and moments of clarity meld as fleeting touchstones, marking the path.

"At the end of the game I asked him, 'How do you feel?' And he goes, 'Butch, I got it.'" Butcher said (From the NY Times). "And that was a pretty special moment. Ahh. To see a kid figure it out that early and understand it and own it."

If there is an upside to the paltry denouement of life that followed, perhaps it is here, in these words gleaned from a pitching coach, who saw for a second, the sparkle of inspiration reflected in those young eyes.

The sparkle that says: "Yeah, it's all beginning to make sense." An 'aha' moment, that passes from the ken so quickly, but remains locked there in that jumble of life's lessons learned. In the soul of the bearer. Nick Adenhardt was ready, says Butcher, to take that eureka moment into the season.

Some plans never come together, balanced so precariously on a stacked deck, a card totem that crumbles inexorably but sometimes too quick.

Butcher got the call at 2 a.m. Thursday and saw that the caller was listed as Nick Adenhardt. "So I was thinking, 'OK, I'm going to have to go get Nick somewhere, in a good way.' And I heard his father speaking and he said Nick had been in a car accident."

Butcher drove immediately to the hospital and stood vigil at the University of California-Irvine Medical Center. Butcher said he would hold on to Nick Adenhardt's delight in his strong outing against the Athletics.

That's all he has now. Memory of Nick Adenhardt. Nick Adenhardt died early Thursday morning after a drunk driver ran a red light.

On Friday, the Orange County district attorney filed charges, including three counts of murder, against Andrew Gallo. Gallo, 22, has been identified as the driver of the minivan that ran a red light at an estimated 70 miles an hour, twice the posted limit, and broadsided the Mitsubishi in which Adenhardt was a passenger. Courtney Frances Stewart, 20, the driver of the Mitsubishi, and Henry Pearson, 25, a law student, died instantly in the crash,

the police said. The fourth person in the car, Jon Wilhite, 24, remained in critical condition last weekend.

Two 22-year olds and a chance meeting on a road last Thursday. And if we're lucky, a lesson here.

Usually, when talk drifts to DUI and professional sports, the circumstances are different. In most cases it's about self-indulgent young millionaires, with lucrative contracts, specious attitudes, and way too much money to spend on nights' out and expensive cars.

To wit: Cleveland Browns receiver Donte Stallworth, a recent recipient of a \$4.5 million contract bonus. Stallworth like Mr. Gallo has been charged with vehicular manslaughter, after a regrettable night out on the town.

The Browns receiver has been charged with vehicular manslaughter in relation to an accident in Miami March 14 that claimed the life of Florida resident Mario Reyes.

Mr. Reyes was a crane operator who was walking home after a night shift. Stallworth said he flashed his lights just prior to running the pedestrian over.

Stallworth blew twice the legal limit. Mr. Stallworth can get anywhere from 5 to 14 years according to Florida law. His lawyers are already greasing the pan, and the rumor mill is chugging. Snippets are surfacing on blogs and in news reports saying that Mr. Reyes was jaywalking, and that he hadn't crossed the street in the designated crosswalk area.

Poppycock. Offering the death penalty for jaywalking might be seen as a little too presumptuous, even for Florida.

Sad fact remains that Donte Stallworth has the wherewithal to pay some high-priced flacks to deflect blame. Rumors are rife that his NFL career is over. Don't bet on it.

We the people, life's paying pundits, are blessed with a short term and very selective memory when it comes to drunk driving and death. Every day of the week, someone takes that long shot gamble, grabs the car keys, and makes that sudden, swift decision.

"No, nooooo ... I'm okay to drive ... really."

Really?

The national stats don't bear it out folks.

Drunk driving is one of the largest causes of alcohol-related death in Canada and other developed countries, and in Canada is the largest criminal cause of death.

In the last ten years, around 250,000 people died in alcohol related car accidents in the United States. Figures show that 16,000 people were killed in the year 2000, due to alcohol related accidents. In 2004, that figured climbed to 25,000.

Yes, you probably figured, like me, that with the abundance of campaigns and ads extant on television and radio and the increase in RIDE programs offered, that drinking-related fatalities must be on the wane. We'd be wrong. DUI-related fatalities are rising worldwide.

You don't have to tell that to Nick Adenhardt's mom and dad. Who were there in the hospital last Thursday morning.

With a pitching coach and Nick's Angels' teammates.

Standing vigil as Nick Adenhardt lost his grip on the ball.

Next time someone offers you a drive home.

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The economy stands to gain from an estimated 50,000 new jobs in manufacturing, servicing, installation, construction, designing and engineering. Ontario aims to generate 45% of its energy through renewables by 2025. We will see more solar and wind power, biogas production (from landfills and farms), new hydropower, and geoexchange systems.

The big push is to make green energy accessible. To that end financing for individual, community and commercial projects will be available. Approvals and regulatory processes will be streamlined.

Up to now, it's been very difficult for small green energy projects to get connected to the electricity grid. Utilities will be required by the Green Energy Act to connect renewable energy projects. And digital smart grid technologies will be utilized to deliver energy to the consumer. Smart grid technology saves energy, reduces cost, and increases reliability.

Everyone from the individual homeowner, to organizations or businesses will have the option of generating renewable energy and selling the surplus at a fair price, a boon to rural and remote communities.

Generating green energy and energy conservation go hand in hand. Conservation works when we, as consumers, are aware of energy use and cost. Smart meters track when we use electricity and how much it costs at a specific time of day. For example, electric stoves, water heaters, washers and dryers consume a lot of energy. The most cost and energy efficient time to use them is during off-peak hours.

Other conservation measures include energy audits for homes on the real estate market and Energy Star standards for home appliances. In addition, not only will energy efficiency will be integrated into Ontario's Building Code, but municipalities, schools, and hospitals will be expected to develop energy conservation plans.

The Green Energy Act aims to transform the energy landscape in Ontario. To find out more check: Ontario's Green Energy Act www.mei.gov.on.ca/english/energy/gea/

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Swiss hockey team back again for the Coby Islander Tournament

Miskwabi Flames enjoy coming back to Haliburton

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

They're called the Miskwabi Flames.

But don't be misled by the name. The Miskwabi Flames hail from Switzerland and for eight of the past ten years they've been making the trek from Berne to Toronto and then north to compete in the annual Coby Islander Tournament held every Easter weekend in the Haliburton and Minden arenas.

Miskwabi Flames come by their name honestly.

For a decade this Swiss hockey team have spent their Coby Islander weekend on the floor of the rambling residence of Ulrich (Willy) and Marianne Greber. Willy owns Miskwabi Electric here in Haliburton.

Den mother Marianne, who works at V&S Department store in Haliburton, says that looking after the young team over the four days is fairly simple.

"Oh, I just lay the mattresses on the floor and they sleep wherever," laughs Marianne.

Willy and Marianne both trace their roots to Switzerland and Willy says that the tradition of hosting the young Swiss skaters started a decade ago when he was approached by an old friend Ueli Hoffman, who acts as shepherd, manager and mentor of the Swiss team during their stay in Canada.

"He is my good friend and we grew up together in Switzerland," says Willy. Ten years ago the two were discussing hockey — Hoffman was a member of the Swiss National team — and the subject of the Easter tournament came up. A plan was hatched and the Swiss have been coming to Haliburton ever since.

The team arrived in Toronto on April fourth, played two exhibition games, and then three more in the Coby islander before boarding a plane back to Switzerland last Tuesday.

Andi John is a rookie with the Miskwabi Flames this season, and he says that he jumped at the chance to come to Canada to play in the Coby Islander. A former professional player in the Swiss league, John, 28, is now ensconced in college and plays hockey only semi-professionally with the Romanshorn Pikes. He is training to be a college teacher, specializing in history and languages.

The team flew back to Berne on Tuesday and landed at noon. "I have an exam to write at three o'clock just after we land," chuckles John, who is coached by former NHL and Swiss Elite player Mike Richard.

John says that his exams came second to this unique opportunity. He's never been abroad and figured this was an excellent chance to blend his passion for hockey with travel. And he explains that every Swiss kid who plays hockey grows up with an instinctive knowledge that there's something different about the Canadian game.

"I came to Canada because of this experience to come and see the most crazy hockey in the world," laughs John. And was he disappointed?

"It was what I expect, everyone is crazy about hockey, they wear the jerseys and they put on the caps," says John. Something about that Canadian mindset appeals on some innate level with John. He noticed it even in the friendly confines of the no-contact Coby islander Tournament. "Hey these guys, some of them don't wear the shoulder pads and this I found very strange at first." He says it made a bit more sense when it was explained that this is a no-contact tourney.

Oh, and one other thing became evident shortly after the first puck hit the ice.

"These Canadian hockey players don't like to lose," laughs John. "That's the difference between the Swiss mentality and yours. This is a fun tournament but they still don't like to lose and they take this game a little more seriously than we Swiss."

Not that the Miskwabi Flames came here to lose. "Understand, that when we are standing on our skates we are there to win, but my eyes were opened just a little bit in this tourney," says John. Specifically, smiles John, in opposing player's uncanny knack for spotting when the referee is watching play and when he's not.

Call it the Sean Avery factor, and understand that John was not crying the blues, just speculating on some subtle differences.

"A lot of sticks and fouls," smiles John. "If you do that in Switzerland, it's looked on as an embarrassment by the opponents and even your team. This is one big difference. Everyone plays a little sneaky and that for me was very confusing especially in the first game. When the referee wasn't looking they come with the elbow."

Welcome to Canada and Canadian beer league hockey Andi John. Gordie Howe rules. It's only

a penalty of the ref sees it.

In their final game of the Coby Islander tournament the Miskwabi Flames went to overtime and two sets of five man shootouts before dropping a 4-3 decision to the Coby Junior Islanders. It was one helluva game. The Swiss play razzle-dazzle, up-tempo, but showed a tendency to overpass.

It was the Flames third straight loss in the annual Easter weekend tourney.

But not one player on the Flames was complaining. One of the players played with a pink helmet, pink skates, and pink gloves. "This was a practical joke," laughs John. The players had doctored his equipment with pink duct tape on Saturday night while he was sleeping. He didn't blink, just put on his equipment went out and played. And when the game was over he threw his pink helmet to a young fan in the stands. Nice guys these Swiss. The kid wore it around the arena for the rest of the afternoon.

For Andi John, who started playing hockey when he was five, this whole Coby Islander weekend was an eye-opening experience.

"This for me was a special opportunity to see Canada. He says the team took in two Raptors Games, a couple of Jays games and Niagara Falls. "Toronto is a beautiful city. Unfortunately I did not get to see the Leafs, and I would have liked to see a Canadian professional hockey game," smiles John.

"And it is so beautiful up here in Minden and Haliburton," adds John. "We don't have ice rinks in small towns like this in Switzerland."

He was also amazed at just how many Canadian kids

grow up with hockey, precisely because of the availability of the small town arena. He says that the smallest arena he's ever played in Switzerland has 5,000 seats. Growing up in a town of 35,000 people, he says that only about 30 to 50 kids per age group played hockey. "Hockey is quite expensive and soccer is much cheaper and also much more popular with most kids," says John.

Overall John says that this has been a very invigorating experience.

He's been introduced to the birthplace of the sport he loves so much.

Growing up playing on those sprawling European ice surfaces Johns says that the small ice surface and confined spaces took a little getting used to.

"I have never played on such a small rink," says John. "It was strange at first to play in such a small rink.

But it was very fun and we all had a great time."

And just for a minute Andi John stops and ponders.

"I think we should have won that last game," he says. "We were up a goal with thirty seconds left."

Then a frown, before the smile reappears.

"But, hey, that's okay, we had a good time here in Canada this week."

Next year at this time John will be embroiled in his final exams.

He doesn't think that's going to present a problem.

"I have finals in May, but I would really like to come back here for the tournament. Next time who knows? We win it all?"

That's hanging in the stars for this plucky Swiss squad.

We do know one thing. They'll have fun. ■



Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman

Highlands East

Saunders Road is Here to Stay

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A failing bridge caused the road to be split in two for a few years resulting in a portion of it being renamed Saunders Road and the remainder was simply Wilberforce Road. This was done in conjunction with the 911 Committee's protocol that precluded north and south directions from being part of road names. The Council of the day agreed to the changes, based on the understanding that when the bridge was replaced the original road names would be reinstated.

That didn't happen, much to the frustration of some of the original residents and Council. Councillor Gary Stoughton has voiced his frustration about this numerous times at meetings, particularly with the County's 911 process that seems to prohibit changing the name back. As recently as the last Council meeting, Stoughton asked Reeve Dave Burton to raise the issue once more with the County's Roads Committee.

Stoughton voiced his desire to see the road named South Wilberforce Road. Visibly angry, Stoughton said, "As a Councillor for the area and someone who has lived here all my life, to see the name changed because of the County's stupidity is very upsetting."

Burton agreed that part of the problem was grounded in the County's 911 by-law.

Responding to Stoughton's question to Green on why she would spend so much on advertising when she knew the name of the road would change, Green said she had spoken to Roy Haig, the County's Manager of Engineering Services (Haig is also responsible for the 911 system). Green said, "Haig advised that the process could take a long time. It's already been 2 ½ years and I couldn't wait to do my advertising."

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie said that he understood that changes sometimes have to be made both in business and for personal things like passports. But Mackie also said he would like to see the name changed back to South Wilberforce Road. He too laid the blame for the problem squarely at the feet of the County, whose actions were perpetuated by Council's lack of immediate response.

Barton told Council, "Two wrongs don't make a right and doing something that will harm people in a concrete way is wrong." She again said, "I believe there are more effective ways to preserve the history of the area." Barton suggested placing plaques or markers with a map of the area in strategic locations like the cemetery, the bridge or the United Church.

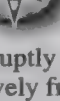
Barton also suggested that the plaques could be tied in with geocaching activity, an idea that was well received by Council. Stoughton also seemed to warm to the ideas being presented and agreed that it might appease the elders in the area. He said, "I guess we could leave it the way it is if others on the road agree."

Councillor Suzanne Partridge said, "There comes a time when Council must reach a decision. With this sort of resolution everyone wins. We would be preserving the history of the area and there would be no harm done to the businesses."

Stoughton finally agreed that the issue had been almost beaten to death and Council all agreed that Barton's suggestions would be a fair and good compromise to reaching a solution to a long standing problem. ■



Solar Doldrums



Scientists were fooled last fall when they thought an eerie calm between sunspot cycles had abruptly ended. The sun had been relatively free of sunspots since the last 11-year cycle ended earlier in the year. A few dark patches that emerged on the sun's surface in late November were thought to be the first spots of the new cycle. But sunspots then became even more scarce, reaching the lowest number during the last year than at any time since 1913, nearly a century ago. The deeper and longer solar minimum is probably a good thing for planet Earth. It means global warming will be marginally delayed, GPS navigation systems are more accurate and satellites will stay in orbit longer. But some meteorologists believe it may also be responsible for a bitter winter that has shown no signs of ending across much of North America.

Earthquakes

 Hopes faded late in the week of finding any more survivors beneath the rubble left by a 6.2 magnitude quake centered in the mountainous heart of Italy. At least 278 people perished in the medieval fortress of L'Aquila and about two dozen surrounding villages.

- Earth movements were also felt in northern New Zealand, Nicaragua, northern Venezuela and along the southern Pakistan-India border.

Tropical Cyclones



Cyclone Jade slammed into the northeastern coast of Madagascar, killing at least eight people and leaving more than 3,000 homeless.

• Strong winds from Cyclone Lin brought down trees, billboards and power lines in Tonga.

Antarctic Breakdown



An ice bridge that appears to have held part of a vast Antarctic ice shelf in place for centuries shattered in an event that some scientists say is linked to global warming. The loss of the ice bridge, which juts about 65 feet out of the ocean and was more than 60 miles wide in 1950, may allow more of the Wilkins shelf to move more freely between Charcot and Latady islands, into the open ocean. "We know that [the Wilkins Ice Shelf] has been completely or very stable since the 1930s and then it started to retreat in the late 1990s; but we suspect that it's been stable for a very much longer period than that," David Vaughan, a glaciologist with the British Antarctic Survey, told the BBC. There have been nine other recorded collapses or retreats of ice shelves over the past 50 years.

Butterfly Decline



Two consecutive wet summers across Britain and changes in habitat have decimated the populations of several butterfly species, some of which may never recover, according to conservation experts. The wettest May-to-July on record during 2007 prevented the insects from warming up enough to fly and reach their food sources. Cool and damp conditions last August compounded the previous year's low breeding rates. The bad weather affected many species that had already suffered from increases in intensive agriculture, habitat loss and poor conservation management, according to Tom Brereton, head of monitoring for the group Butterfly Conservation. He says one of the most threatened species is the high brown fritillary, which now has fewer than 50 colonies across the U.K., many of them very small.

Andean Eruption



One of South America's most active volcanoes belched lava and shot a huge cloud of ash soaring 4 miles over the Chilean Andes. The eruption of Llaima volcano prompted the evacuation of more than 100 people living along the nearby Calbuco River and other streams, which were swollen with a mixture of melted snow and ash. Vulcanologists warned that the volcano's crater has become blocked with debris that could allow pressure to build up and trigger violent explosions of lava and ash.

Warming Pet Diseases



Climate change appears to already be exposing household pets in Europe to a variety of new infectious diseases spread by fleas, mosquitoes and ticks, according to three separate reports in the journal *Veterinary Parasitology*. Milder winters are allowing ticks to be more active year-round, transmitting disease such as malaria-like canine babesiosis into countries where it was once rare. Frederic Beugnet of Merial Animal Health in Lyon, France, writes that the rare cat flea typhus may also be becoming more common in both cats and dogs. Claudio Genchi of the University of Milan, says that summer temperatures are becoming warm enough for the parasitic roundworm *dirofilaria*, spread by mosquitoes, to incubate in its host. Susan Shaw at the University of Bristol, U.K., warns there is a real danger that warming will allow the canine leishmaniosis parasite to be spread northward by sandflies from a large population of infected dogs in the south of England.

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Battalion advance to conference finals versus Belleville

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Haliburton's favorite OHL team still in the Memorial Cup Hunt

There are only four teams left in the OHL's annual rush to Memorial Cup sweepstakes.

One of those teams, the Brampton Battalion, boasts a fascinating Haliburton Highlands presence.

The Battalion started a best of seven eastern conference tilt against first place Belleville Bulls in Belleville last night. It's stacking up as a dandy.

Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson is the captain of the Battalion and for three years he has had sights set firmly on this prize, the chance to advance to an Ontario Hockey league final.

Last year Hodgson was joined on the Battalion by his good friend, Haliburton's Matthew Duchene, who will be a first round draft pick in the NHL entry draft in June.

Hodgson went tenth overall to the Vancouver Canucks last June in the 2008 entry draft.

In the past two seasons the Battalion fell prey to the first round blues and the Barrie Colts, never advancing past that first round.

Last year is not this year.

Thanks in the main to the power punch of that Highlands connection, two players who have brought skill, determination and that intangible work ethic to the Brampton squad this season. Two young centers centered on a dream.

Matthew Duchene grew up hearing stories of his uncle Newell Brown's very special journey to the Memorial Cup back in 1979-80.

After winning the Memorial Cup with the Cornwall Royals in 1979-80, Brown furthered his education by joining the powerful Michigan State Spartans, serving as team captain for his final three years and winning an NCAA championship in 1983.

Duchene would love an opportunity to add a second Memorial memory to the family album.

And don't count this plucky Battalion team out. We've been hearing a lot about the Windsor Spitfires who are facing the John Tavares' led London Knights in the Western Conference final. Belleville and Brampton, two busy bees, have been flying largely under the radar this season.

Ranked highly in the OHL ever since Hodgson returned from the Canuck training camp, the Battalion rode a recent wave of unprecedented progress.

Lots of ups and very few downs. As expected, Hodgson, after being named captain by coach and GM Stan Butler, went on to lead the team in scoring during the regular season.

Duchene, ranked third in the NHL's scouting combine, has had an outstanding sophomore season with the Troop. His playoff play - seven goals and seven assists in 10 games - simply outstanding.

Along with Evgeny Grachev who was named the OHL's Rookie of the Year, the three form a potent and popping presence up front for the Battalion.

They acquired US national junior team goaltender Thomas McCollum from Guelph Storm in January, an attempt to add the final key ingredient. A great move by the canny Butler, who feels that this may be the Battalion's year and he was willing to put it on the line in that trade for McCollum.

Goaltending is important during the regular season. In the playoffs it could mean the difference between a dance to the Memorial Cup and an ouster from playoff contention.

The Battalion have been on a playoff roll, riding the coattails of some superb defensive play, great goaltending and of course the inspired and stellar presence of their big three, Hodgson, Duchene and Grachev.

The Battalion eliminated Peterborough in four straight games in their first round best of seven series, and they won a hard-fought 4-2 series victory against beat St. Mike's Mississauga Majors.

That series wrapped last Friday with a 3-2 win allowing Brampton to advance to the conference final against the Belleville Bulls who finished first in conference play and will retain home ice advantage for the series, which started last night in Belleville.

The Battalion went up 2-0 in that last series against St Mikes, but the Majors came back to tie it at two games apiece, setting up two crucial games last Thursday and Friday.

The Battalion did as they have done all year on Thursday, turning to Duchene and Hodgson for support and firepower. The Highlands connection didn't disappoint. Knowing that a St. Mikes win would turn this series on its ear, Hodgson and Duchene responded.

Hodgson scored a goal and two assists and Duchene popped for two assists in the 4-2 win last Thursday a win that put them on the doorstep of the conference final.

Last Friday, the Majors turned to their checking lines in an effort to staunch the Battalion's triple threat. Hodgson was kept off the scoresheet, but Duchene managed to score an important momentum-shifting goal, assisted by Grachev, in an exciting 3-2 series clinching win over St Mikes.

McCollum came up with the necessary inspired goaltending and rookie Sam Carrick and Matt Kang filled in nicely with game-winners on Thursday and Friday respectively.

Leading most watchers to speculate that while the big three get the bulk of the attention, the supporting players are also solid, and all can score, if a team decides to concentrate too finely on Hodgson, Duchene and Grachev.

The big line for the Battalion in the postseason features Hodgson, Grachev and Anthony Peluso.

The three players have been on fire, combining for 16 goals and 25 assists for 41 points in the postseason.

The six-foot-four, 235-pound Peluso has found a home in Brampton. Peluso played 27 regular-season games with the Battalion, recording 11 goals and 11 assists for 22 points.

He brings grit and playoff savvy to the table, the result of a solid post season with the Sault Greyhounds last year.

Peluso's Sault Ste. Marie team went to the Western Conference Championship Series last year against the Kitchener Rangers. The Greyhounds swept the Saginaw Spirit in the first round and defeated Guelph Storm in five games in the second, before losing in five to the Rangers. So he is a key guy in this run for the money.

"I've really enjoyed the success I've had here. I'm happy to come to the rink every day, and I just hope this run continues," says Peluso on battalion.com. He says he has a comfort level with Grachev and Hodgson.

"All three of us read off each other pretty well," said Peluso, who's tied with Duchene for the



team lead in playoff power-play goals with four. "We're used to where the other guys are going to be on the ice, and we know each other's tendencies."

The Battalion are looking for a tough series against the conference champion Bulls. The two teams split their four games in the regular season, and Duchene has always maintained that the two teams are evenly matched.

Good news for both the Bulls and the Battalion is that the Western Conference final features that much anticipated tilt between the Knights and the Spitfires.

Both Belleville and Brampton will be hoping that those two teams beat themselves up in a seven game series.

Unfortunately, that's exactly what the Knights and the Spitfires will be hoping for as the Battalion and Bulls tangle in their Eastern Conference tilt.

However it dances to denouement, it's April and it's down to four left in the OHL playoffs.

At stake?

A trip to Rimouski and the Memorial Cup.

Duchene's uncle Newell Brown, an assistant coach with the Anaheim Ducks, is pretty busy these days with some playoffs of his own, but he will probably be keeping one eye tuned to the OHL playdowns.

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New River Kings owners building for the future

Randles and Robinson looking at options and players for the upcoming season

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

When Derrick Randles, a Texas businessman, put his money on the table to purchase the Minden River Kings last season he made one thing perfectly clear.

He wasn't going to be an absentee landlord.

Randles, a self-professed hockey nut, and former Texas University football player with wide-ranging business interests, bought the Greater Metro Hockey League (GMHL) team in the last part of the 2008-09 GMHL season, in a deal that included Minden River Kings coach and general manager Brooks Robinson.

Terms of the co-ownership agreement between Randles and Robinson have Robinson staying on as co-owner, GM, and coach, and Randles assuming the duties of co-owner, business manager and nutritionist. Randles is savvy, smart and laden with ideas. He played NCAA football in Texas.

He was a lineman in university and by his own admission overweight. His college experience, and the elite sport mindset that bigger is better, framed his current passion and commitment toward player development, nutritional balance, and fitness.

Robinson said that the River Kings would be centering their own training based on a fitness and nutritional template forged by Randles.

"I'm going to run the team general managing and coaching, Derrick will be our nutritionist and he'll also be handling the business end," said Robinson.

Things are changing and changing fast.

Randles, as part of his commitment, is looking for a residence in the area. He will be hands-on in all facets of the general operations and management of the team.

Robinson, who already resides in Minden, has a firm strategy already mapped out for this River

King team, a team that made the playoffs in their inaugural GMHL season, and a team that will be looking, under the aegis of a strategic master plan to further their overall team functionality in their sophomore campaign.

In junior hockey, especially small town junior hockey, good direction has to come top down from a management template that addresses concerns of both the community and the players involved.

Robinson, a players' coach, is committed to providing the leadership and direction necessary to install a viable product on the ice at SG Nesbitt Arena next season.

Randles will be looking after the day-to-day detritus, including website, products, sponsorships, special promotions and ticket sales, and Robinson will be concerning himself with putting the best players available on the ice.

Last season the team relied heavily on the magic touch of the Minnesota Maestro Brett Meyers.

Meyers has an opportunity to play NCAA university hockey this season, but is still assessing his options. "I would imagine he will not be back this year," says Robinson. "I've never pressured him to come back. I would be less than honorable if I pressured him to come back ... his options are wide open ... but I'd love to have him back."

If not. Big skates to fill. And the work has already begun.

That commitment to player development and a new slate started last weekend when Robinson and Randles - and their spouses - traveled to Chicago for an elite EHK pre draft showcase hockey tournament over Easter weekend.

Last season, the River Kings were damned early in the season with low player numbers, and fell prey to a GMHL management structure that included an ownership tandem that also held interests in other GMHL teams.

With this new ownership paradigm in place, both Randles and Robinson are confident that they can forego many of the problems that plagued the team for the first half of the 2008-09 campaign.

"We didn't sign any players, but we talked to 80 players and got really good response from the kids," said Robinson. The GMHL teams can't sign any new talent until their draft in early June. Player reps will be attending another EHK camp in Toronto in early May. Randles and Robinson will also be scouting the upcoming Chowder Cup in Boston and will be hosting a Texas tryout camp on July 6th.

Robinson said that Randles is here for the long run. He added that the team, as part of this new commitment to the town, would be looking at the purchase of a new clock for the Minden Arena by 2011.

The funds would be raised through a percentage of ticket sales from the upcoming season.

"We're going to have an amazing program and Derrick Randles is going to put money in to make sure that we have an amazing program," said Robinson. Randles became interested in the Kings when he came to watch his nephew Robert Randles, the backup goaltender for the Kings last season.

"He liked the fact that we hung in through some hard times last season and when he made the commitment he said, 'I'm in for the long run,'" explained Robinson. "We might not get all the way there this year but we're on the right track."

Part of the new strategy is tied to an intrinsic commitment to Minden

"We're going to be in the community every day, with open skates and promotions," said Robinson.

Ticket sales, except for the playoffs, were not stellar last season, and Robinson and Randles hope to change that by putting a great product on the ice and by meshing community interests with team goals.

He says they have a good base to build upon.

"It looks like we'll have 10 guys coming back from last year, and we're already looking at some really promising players," said Robinson. "I'm going to run a rookie camp in Lindsay at the end of May and we'll be looking at running our main camp in July when the ice comes back in."

And Robinson and Randles both affirm that there's more good news on the way. Possibly concerning a player facility, which would address the team's room, board and training needs.



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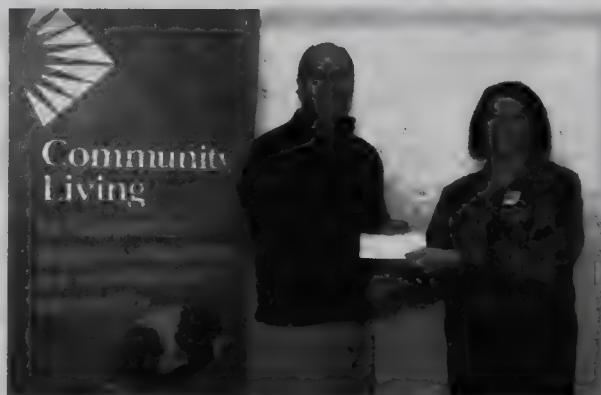
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A non-refundable tender deposit of \$200.00 (inclusive of G.S.T.) payable to the Township of Algonquin Highlands will be required.

Closing date and location for Tender Submissions will be Friday April 24th, 2009 at 2 p.m. local time at the offices of:

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Community Living Receives Donation & Picks Travel Club Lottery Winner



Chris Bishop from Sir Sam's Ski Hill presents a cheque for \$250 to Community Living Executive Director Maureen O'Hara. Sir Sam's donated \$3 for every ticket sold at their annual Trillium Lakelands District School Board ski day.

Jerry Walker of Haliburton was the grand prize winner in the annual Community Living Travel Club Lottery. Walker won a trip for two to Manzanillo Mexico. Right, Ross Anderson draws the winning ticket along with his sister, Community Living Board Member Nancy Bishop and Executive Director Maureen O'Hara.



Weekly SUDOKU

by Linda Thistle

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- 20 '28 Irving Berlin song
- 21 Antitoxins
- 22 Dashiell Hammett book
- 25 Evangelist Roberts
- 26 Wield an axe
- 27 Hood or Tell
- 28 Have a hot dog
- 29 Woods dweller?
- 30 Explorer Sebastian
- 32 Choose, with "for"
- 34 Actor Howard
- 36 "Mr. Television"
- 38 Loaded
- 40 Siouan people
- 42 Hill or Haggerty
- 43 Harper Lee book
- 48 Utah city
- 49 Dole (out)
- 50 Algerian seaport

- 51 "My word!"
- 55 Won over
- 58 Singer John
- 61 Work like a horse
- 62 Slip cover?
- 63 Mauna —
- 64 Soap ingredient
- 65 Actor's lunch?
- 68 Mark Bowden book
- 73 "Ask — Girl" ('59 film)
- 74 Main drag
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- 77 Textbook headings
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- 80 Kathy of country
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- 88 Splinter group
- 89 Grandma
- 91 Emulated the Valkyries
- 92 Agatha Christie book
- 98 Conflict
- 101 Rational
- 102 Geometry calculation
- 103 "Rawhide" prop

- 104 Indifference
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- 109 Big vein
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- 112 Adds a lane
- 115 Bell and Barker
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- 119 Willa Cather book
- 123 Word with dance or dunk
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- 125 — Neisse Line
- 126 Tenor
- 127 Beniamino
- 128 Put on a pedestal
- 129 Actor Calhoun
- 130 Burger topping

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- 2 Pain
- 3 Make coffee
- 4 With 46 Down, "Vertigo" star
- 5 Oklahoma city

- 6 So out it's in
- 7 Vote in
- 8 Hit hard
- 9 Opposite of aweather
- 10 "Baby — Want You" ('71 hit)
- 11 Jeeves' profession
- 12 Namu or Willy
- 13 Crowd-burst?
- 14 Itch
- 15 McRaney or Ford
- 16 Lawrence's locale
- 17 Scrimshaw material
- 21 Weeps
- 23 Warhol subject
- 24 Dress
- 30 European peninsula
- 31 Half and half?
- 33 Sweater letter
- 34 Meat cut
- 35 Always, to Arnold
- 36 — yesterday (naive)
- 37 Got by, with "out"
- 38 "Baloney!"
- 39 Like some donuts
- 40 Brute
- 41 Stowe sight

- 43 Sock part
- 44 Basic organism
- 45 Battlefield doc
- 46 See 4 Down
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- 52 Festive
- 53 Connecticut town
- 54 Moist
- 56 Photo book
- 57 Annoy
- 59 Bring bliss
- 60 At once
- 61 Present company?
- 64 Ridicule
- 65 "Very funny!"
- 66 Tel —
- 67 Insignificant
- 69 Yaphet of "Homicide"
- 70 Toque or topee
- 71 Guitarist Eddy
- 72 Available
- 75 DEA officer
- 78 Knee-slapper
- 80 Nasty
- 81 Zenith
- 82 Pay to play
- 84 Night noise
- 85 Actress
- 86 — Plaines, IL
- 88 Corset part

- 90 "The truth at last!"
- 93 Hibachi residue
- 94 Rob Roy's refusal
- 95 Adult
- 96 Coming from Cork
- 97 "Saving Private Ryan" extras
- 98 Solidarity leader
- 99 Lunar spacecraft
- 100 Tire type
- 105 Swarm (with)
- 106 Surgical tool
- 107 Postpone
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- 110 Food fish
- 111 Cuban
- 113 Violinist
- 114 Oistrakh
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- 116 Chip off Woody's block
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

DEAR ABBY: Most of my extended family are pleasant and enjoy each other's company when we meet at family gatherings several times a year. But three of them (all from the same side of the family) are just plain rude. Every event becomes an uncomfortable exercise in bracing oneself for the verbal attacks that come from these critical, judgmental people.

We have tried talking about it, but hear the same refrains -- "I'm not changing," "Accept me as I am," and, "You have no choice but to put up with me because we are family!"

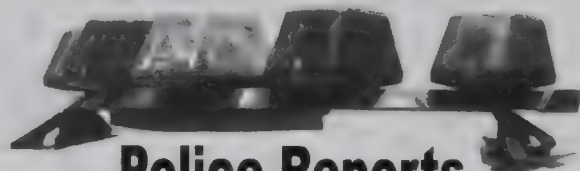
I am a younger member of this family who occasionally spends holidays with friends or traveling. When I do, I am severely chastised by these three relatives, who say I have "no right" to skip family gatherings. If they were nicer people, I would want to spend more time with them.

I want to do the right thing, but what do people who have the same ancestry "owe" each other when there is no connection of friendship or goodwill? -- RELATED IN NAME ONLY IN SAN JOSE, CALIF.

DEAR RELATED: I know of no rule of etiquette that states you are compelled to attend every family event. Good manners dictate that you treat those around you courteously. But that does not mean that you must engage in anything more than casual, superficial chit-chat with those who are critical, judgmental and rude.

Because these get-togethers involve extended family, spend the majority of your time with the relatives who make you feel welcome, supported and loved.

P.S. One thing you do NOT owe these folks is an explanation regarding your absence when you choose to avoid them.



Police Reports

Driver Arrested

(Haliburton, ON.) -- Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a Haliburton man as a result of a traffic stop this past weekend.

On Sunday April 12, 2009 shortly after 3:00am officers responding to a driving complaint pulled a vehicle over on County Rd#7. Officers had conversation with the driver who subsequently failed a roadside screening device test.

The driver was arrested and taken to the Haliburton Highlands Detachment.

Charged with Driving with Over 80mgs and a Highway Traffic Act offence is Daniel Van Nood 18 years of Dysart et al. Mr Van Nood will be appearing in Minden court on June 3, 2009 in relation to the charges. ■

Male Charged

(Haliburton, ON.) -- Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment have charged a male as a result of an investigation into the reported theft of two snow machines.

In January of 2009 officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment commenced an investigation into the alleged theft of two snow machines from a property on Ryan's Lane in the Township of Dysart et al.

As a result further investigation Paul Youngberg 46 years of Dysart et al has been charged with two counts of Fraud Over \$5000.00 and two counts of Public Mischief. ■



Moments in time

THE HISTORY CHANNEL

On April 20, 1980, the Castro regime announces that all Cubans wishing to emigrate to the U.S. are free to board boats at the port of Mariel west of Havana, launching the Mariel Boatlift. In all, 125,000 Cubans fled to U.S. shores in about 1,700 boats, creating large waves of refugees that overwhelmed the U.S. Coast guard.

On April 21, 1956, "Heartbreak Hotel" hits the top of the Billboard charts. The song was Elvis' first No. 1 hit. In his lifetime, he earned 94 gold singles and more than 40 gold LPs.

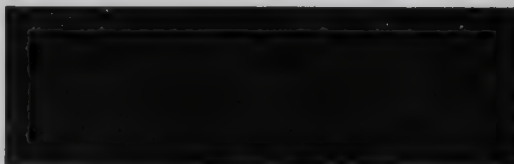
On April 22, 1889, at precisely high noon, thousands of would-be settlers make a mad dash into the newly opened Oklahoma Territory to claim cheap land. All told, from 50,000 to 60,000 settlers entered the territory that day. Towns like Norman, Oklahoma City, Kingfisher and Guthrie sprang into being almost overnight.

On April 23, 1564, according to tradition, the great English dramatist and poet William Shakespeare is born in Stratford-on-Avon. It is impossible to be certain of the exact day, but church records show that Shakespeare was baptized on April 26, and three days was a customary amount of time to wait before baptizing a newborn.

On April 24, 1916, on Easter Monday in Dublin, the Irish Republican Brotherhood, a secret organization of Irish nationalists led by Patrick Pearse, launches the so-called Easter Rebellion, an armed uprising against British rule. Rioters attacked British provincial government headquarters across Dublin and seized the Irish capital's General Post Office.

On April 25, 1995, actress Ginger Rogers dies at the age of 83. Best known for the 10 films she made with dance partner Fred Astaire, Rogers also appeared in a wide variety of comic and dramatic roles and won an Oscar for Best Actress in the 1940 drama "Kitty Foyle."

On April 26, 1865, John Wilkes Booth, who assassinated President Abraham Lincoln 12 days earlier, is killed when Union soldiers track him down to a Virginia farm. The original plan involved a simultaneous assassination of Lincoln, Vice President Andrew Johnson and Secretary of State William Seward.



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It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your clear sense of who you are gives you confidence when you need to tackle difficult situations.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) You're doing better on the flexibility issue, but you still need to loosen up a bit to show you can be less judgmental and more understanding about certain sensitive matters.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Your personal aspect continues to dominate this week. But try to make time to deal with important career-linked matters as well. A change of plans might occur by the weekend.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Excuses are not really needed for much of the confusion occurring this week. However, explanations from all parties could help in working things out to everyone's satisfaction.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) That surprising (but pleasant) recent turn of events continues to develop positive aspects. But be prepared for a bit of a jolt on another issue that needs attention.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Creating a fuss might bring you that attention you want. But are you prepared for all the explaining you'd have to do? Better to use more subtle ways to make your bid.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) With education continuing to be a strong factor this week, this could be the time to start learning some new skills that can later be applied to a bid for a potential career move.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) You might do well to reconsider some of your current time priorities before you get so deeply involved in one project that you neglect meeting a deadline on another.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) With an important decision looming, you need to be careful about the information you're getting. Half-truths are essentially useless. Get the full story before you act.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Find out what everyone's role is expected to be before accepting that workplace proposal. Getting all the facts now could prevent serious problems later on.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A flexible position on a workplace matter could be the best course to follow during the next several days. A personal issue also benefits from an open-minded approach.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Involving too many people in your workplace problem can backfire. Remember: Allegiances can shift. Ask trusted colleagues for advice, but don't ask them to take sides.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Before submitting your suggestions, take more time to sharpen the points you want to make. The clearer the presentation, the more chance it has to get through when submitted.



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Subject: RAY
Each answer contains "ray."
(e.g., A small freshwater crustacean that resembles a lobster.
Answer: Crayfish.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. Star of "Everybody Loves Raymond."
2. The loud, harsh cry of a donkey.
3. An African-American pianist and singer who shaped the sound of rhythm and blues.

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. This Chevrolet Corvette sports car model was introduced in 1963.
5. Known as "The Big Mouth," she was a natural to be the spokesperson for Polident denture cleanser.
6. These rays earned Wilhelm Roentgen the Nobel Prize in Physics.

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Author of the novels "Fahrenheit 451" and "The Martian Chronicles."
8. Name of the largest group of a family of flat sea fish with a long, narrow tail.
9. Title of Paul Zindel's best-known play.

ANSWERS: 1. Ray Romano. 2. Bray. 3. Ray Charles. 4. Sting Ray. 5. Martha Raye. 6. X-rays. 7. Ray Bradbury. 8. Manta rays. 9. "The Effect of Gamma Rays on Man-in-the-Moon Marigolds."

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18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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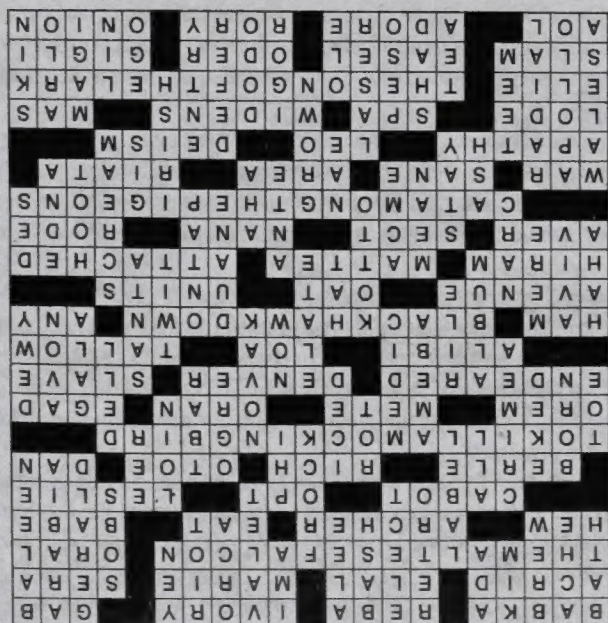
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Students Embark on Trip to the Hatchery



Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Nothing 'Fishy' About This Local, Educational Experience

They are covered in scales, come equipped with fins and spend most of their time in the water. They are none other than the fish species.

On Thursday, April 9, the Haliburton Highlands Outdoors Association (HHOA) bussed Grade 3 students from Stuart Baker Elementary School to the fish hatchery in Haliburton for their "Fish on Wheels" program.

The educational one-day event gave students the opportunity to learn about the characteristics of different fish, their habits and daily activities.

While inside the hatchery, students took the information they learned about different types of fish and used their imaginations (and paper and pencil crayons) to create fish species of their own. Grade 12 students from the high school's Haliburton Outdoor Education Development Program (HOEDP) were also on-hand to help kids develop their creations.

Guest speakers included: Stacy Kirkbride, a fish technician at the hatchery, who gave students a tour of the building and talked to them about what the objectives of the hatchery are and Dr. Brent Wootton, Senior Scientist with Fleming College's Centre for Alternative Wastewater Treatment, who explained fish habitats and the importance of clean water to humans and the planet.

Each year, the "Fish on Wheels" program educates about 90 elementary school students about fish and the work of the hatchery. The HHOA also pays to bus in 500 students to the hatchery throughout the school year so that they can see what the facility is all about.

In the spring, the HHOA raises awareness of their initiatives by holding an open house at the hatchery where new information, technology and developments for the Haliburton Lake Trout Project and the hatchery are presented.

The HHOA is a non-profit organization that was founded in 1992. Its membership is comprised of a diverse group of permanent and seasonal residents who are a part of the Haliburton Highlands. One of the HHOA's goals is to educate the public about the local fish and wildlife populations.

For more information about the HHOA and the fish hatchery go to www.hhoa.on.ca.





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DEATH NOTICES

Death Notices for April 09

Margit Moraal

(Resident of Haliburton, Ontario)



After a short courageous battle with Cancer at the Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Easter Sunday morning, April 12, 2009 into the arms of her loving Saviour Jesus Christ in her 83rd year. Loving wife of the late Johannes Moraal (2004).

Loving mother of Peer (Terri) of Elmira, Jocelyn (Neil) of Mississauga, Marika and Inge (Gary) all of Peterborough. Fondly remembered by her grandchildren Robin, Catherine, Christine, Ooma and Christopher. Also lovingly remembered by Rein, Richard and Hans and her extended family and her many friends. (Community Funeral Home)

Mabel Heskett

(Resident of Eagle Lake, Ontario)



Peacefully in her sleep on Friday morning, April 10, 2009 in her 84th year. Beloved wife of the late Edgar Heskett (2001). Loving mother of Charmaine of Hamilton, Michelle (David Davis) of Aurora, Danielle of Warton, Matthew of Owen Sound, Darcy (Jim Colvin) of Milton and Jason of Eagle Lake. Fondly remembered by her eleven grandchildren and her twelve great grandchildren. Predeceased by her brother Mike

and her sister Helen. Also lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews. (Community Funeral Home)

Vera Partridge



Peacefully at Haliburton Hospital on Friday evening, April 10, 2009 in her 80th year. Beloved wife of the late Ralph Partridge. Loving mother of Rick (Robin) of Whitby and Lynne (George) of Harcourt and Dawn (Sterling) of Victoria, B.C. Lovingly remembered by her granddaughter Kandace. Dear sister of Ella and sister-in-law of Louise. Predeceased by sisters Elaine and her brother Don. Also

lovingly remembered by her nieces and nephews. (Community Funeral Home)

Marjorie M. Bradimore

(Resident of Cobocok, Ontario)



Peacefully at Ross Memorial Hospital in Lindsay on Monday morning, April 6, 2009 in her 78th year. Beloved wife of Harvey Bradimore for over 59 years. Loving mother Dennis (Pamala), Margo (Ron Burrows), Jill (Jerry Hilkert), Jeff (Laura), Julie (Patrick Ritchie) and Derrick (Doreen). Fondly remembered by her twelve grandchildren and her eleven great grandchildren. Dear sister of Patricia Ryan. Predeceased by her many brothers and sisters. Also

lovingly remembered by many nieces and nephews. (Community Funeral Home)

Sidney Adamson



(November 17, 1922 - April 9, 2009)

Passed away peacefully at his home in his 87th year in the presence of his family. Beloved husband of Lois (Hanna) for 62 years. Also survived by sons Frank and Judith, Fred and Brenda, Lloyd and Cindy, Brian, and by daughter Jean and Pauline, and by Rob Clark. Predeceased by his father Harold and mother Ethel, brothers Jack, Jim, and sister Dorothy.

Proud grandfather of Amy (Oliver), Carrie, Sean (Erin), Craig (Laura), Dru (Julie), Ginny (Marcus), Adrienne (Kristian), Adam, and great grandfather of Matthew, Cohen, Lucas, Adria. Remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Syd served as an air-gunner and gunnery instructor in the RCAF during WWII where he attained the rank of Flight Officer. He was a founding member of the RCAF Association Wing 404 in Kitchener-Waterloo and active for 35 years. (Monk Funeral Home)

Richard Arbour

Music Teacher at Denis O'Connor High School, Whitby/Ajax from 1973 - 1992

Passed away suddenly at his home in Dorset on Wednesday, April 8, 2009, at the age of 67.

Father of Paul (Cheryl), Michele (Colin), Kevin (Karen), Steven, and Lisa. Grandfather of Amanda, Jason, Christina, Daniel, Jessica and Joshua. Brother of Edmond, Allen, John, Basil, Bernadette, Linda and Theresa (Monk Funeral Home).

Edward Pergolas



In his 89th year. It is with great sadness that the family of Eddie announce his sudden passing at home on April 8, 2009. Beloved husband and best friend to the late Christina. Loving father to Candice of Guelph and Phillip and his wife Aysha of Cobourg, granddad to Calin, Gabriel, Justin and Ashley, great granddad to Jasmine and Chelsea. Fondly remembered by his nephew Gordon, and sister-in-law

Phyllis and family, as well as other family members, many friends and friends of Rotary. Eddie was a Veteran of World War II. He was a much loved and respected in the community and is remembered by many for the years he and Chris ran the snack bar at the Minden Arena. Eddie has been a resident of Minden for the past 38 years. He received the Paul Harris Fellowship from the Rotary and is a long time member of the Rotary Club, and the Royal Canadian Legion. We'll all miss you. (Monk Funeral Home)

Ruby Johnson



Passed away peacefully at the Hyland Crest Senior Citizens, Minden on Tuesday, April 7, 2009. In her 92nd year.

Beloved wife of the late Elvin Walter Johnson. Dear mother of David, Ray and Chris, Ralph and Diane. Loving grandma of Kim and Shaun, Nathan and Dawn, Jeremy and Lois, Noelle and Craig, Kurt, Shirleen and Dave, and great grandmother of Shelbie,

Haily, Tyler, Harmony and William. Predeceased by her sister Joan Ingram. (Monk Funeral Home)

The Voice is happy to announce that it will be running weekly death notices FREE of charge from now on. Small local community newspapers have always played a role in keeping its community informed of news - even when it's the loss of someone within that community. We here at the Voice view death notices as vital news. This is also a service we feel will help ease the burden of expense during a family's time of need - creating fairness to all.

Maisie Mintz



Passed away at Victoria Manor, Lindsay on Monday, April 6, 2009. At the age of 84.

Former wife of the late Mervin Mintz. Dear mother of Larry and Linda of B.C., Andre and Pauline of Huntsville, Gloria and Leroy of Omamee and Merval (predeceased) and Linda of Carnarvon. Loving grandmother of Cindy, Carey, Rachelle, Melanie, Greg, Vincent, Jeffrey, Kevin, Kaily and great grandmother of Cole, Dana, Larsen,

Alison, Ruby and Brynn. Dear sister of Reita Hughes, Jessie Roberts, Bill Duncan and predeceased by Ted Duncan, Edna Loucks, Rhoda McKelvey. Fondly remembered by her nieces, nephews, family and friends. (Monk Funeral Home)

Peter McNeilage



(July 2, 1947 - April 3, 2009)

Passed away peacefully after a courageous battle with Mesothelioma

Beloved husband of Judith (nee Fromback). Dear father of Erin and her husband Paul Van De Wiele, Douglas and his wife Lisa. Loving grandpa of Brennon, Karys and Jack. Dear son of Elizabeth and Jack Jessop and the late Douglas McNeilage. Brother

of Neil (Sandy), Cathy, Johnny (Janet), Janice, John and fondly remembered by their families.

A Special Thank You to Dr. Shaf Keshavjee, Dr. Andrea Bezjak, Dr. Ronald Burkes, Dr. Aoife Conway, Carolyn Keyworth and Marg Hayley (Monk Funeral Home).

Shirley Naugler



Passed away suddenly at the Foot-hills General Hospital, Calgary on April 1, 2009 at the age of 47.

Dear mother of Kailey (Owen) and Justin and grandmother of Jacob and Brandon. Loving sister of Alex (Rosalie) MacLeod, Frank Precoor, John (Diane) Precoor, Wayne (Gail) Precoor, Lorraine (Lloyd) MacDougall, Mabel (Bill) Clendenning, Clarence (Caroline) Precoor, Christena (Don) Barry, Judy (Jane) Precoor, Bonnie

(Dean) Knox, Susan (Chuck) Hewson. Lovingly remembered by her family and friends in Ontario and Alberta. (Monk Funeral Home)

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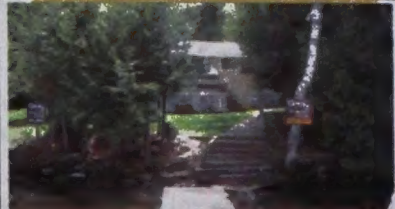
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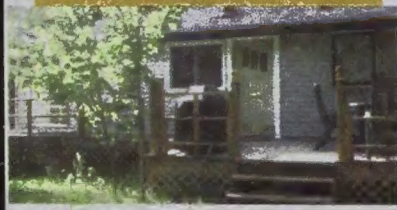
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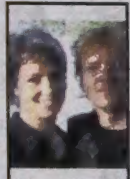
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